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Dakota, A Multilevel Parallel Object-Oriented Framework for Design Optimization, Parameter Estimation, Uncertainty Quantification, and Sensitivity Analysis: Version 6.3 Reference Manual

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Abstract

The Dakota (Design Analysis Kit for Optimization and Terascale Applications) toolkit provides a flexible and extensible interface between simulation codes and iterative analysis methods. Dakota contains algorithms for optimization with gradient and nongradient-based methods; uncertainty quantification with sampling, reliability, and stochastic expansion methods; parameter estimation with nonlinear least squares methods; and sensitivity/variance analysis with design of experiments and parameter study methods. These capabilities may be used on their own or as components within advanced strategies such as surrogate-based optimization, mixed integer nonlinear programming, or optimization under uncertainty. By employing object-oriented design to implement abstractions of the key components required for iterative systems analyses, the Dakota toolkit provides a flexible and extensible problem-solving environment for design and performance analysis of computational models on high performance computers.

This report serves as a reference manual for the commands specification for the Dakota software, providing input overviews, option descriptions, and example specifications.

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The **Dakota** (**D**esign **A**nalysis **K**it for **O**ptimization and **T**erascale **A**pplications) toolkit provides a flexible, extensible interface between analysis codes and iteration methods.

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The Reference Manual documents all the input keywords that can appear in a Dakota input file to configure a Dakota study. Its organization closely mirrors the structure of `dakota.input.summary`. For more information see Dakota Input Specification. For information on software structure, refer to the Developers Manual [3], and for a tour of Dakota features and capabilities, including a tutorial, refer to the User's Manual (Adams et al., 2010) [4].

1.1 How to Use this Manual

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A small number of examples are included (see Sample Input Files) along with a description of the test problems (see Test Problems).

A bibliography for the Reference Manual is provided in Bibliographic References

Chapter 2

Running Dakota

The Dakota executable file is named `dakota` (`dakota.exe` on Windows) and is most commonly run from a terminal or command prompt.

2.1 Usage

If the `dakota` command is entered at the command prompt without any arguments, a usage message similar to the following appears:

```
usage: dakota [options and <args>]
        -help (Print this summary)
        -version (Print Dakota version number)
        -input <$val> (REQUIRED Dakota input file $val)
        -output <$val> (Redirect Dakota standard output to file $val)
        -error <$val> (Redirect Dakota standard error to file $val)
        -parser <$val> (Parsing technology: nidr[strict][:dumpfile])
        -no_input_echo (Do not echo Dakota input file)
        -check (Perform input checks)
        -pre_run [$val] (Perform pre-run (variables generation) phase)
        -run [$val] (Perform run (model evaluation) phase)
        -post_run [$val] (Perform post-run (final results) phase)
        -read_restart [$val] (Read an existing Dakota restart file $val)
        -stop_restart <$val> (Stop restart file processing at evaluation $val)
        -write_restart [$val] (Write a new Dakota restart file $val)
```

Of these command line options, only `input` is required, and the `-input` switch can be omitted if the input file name is the final item appearing on the command line (see Examples); all other command-line inputs are optional.

- `help` prints the usage message above.
- `version` prints version information for the executable.
- `check` invokes a dry-run mode in which the input file is processed and checked for errors, but the study is not performed.
- `input` provides the name of the Dakota input file.
- `output` and `error` options provide file names for redirection of the Dakota standard output (stdout) and standard error (stderr), respectively.

- The `parser` option is for debugging and will not be further described here.
- By default, Dakota will echo the input file to the output stream, but `no_input_echo` can override this behavior.
- `read_restart` and `write_restart` commands provide the names of restart databases to read from and write to, respectively.
- `stop_restart` command limits the number of function evaluations read from the restart database (the default is all the evaluations) for those cases in which some evaluations were erroneous or corrupted. Restart management is an important technique for retaining data from expensive engineering applications.
- `-pre_run`, `-run`, and `-post_run` instruct Dakota to run one or more execution phases, excluding others. The commands must be followed by filenames as described in Execution Phases.

Command line switches can be abbreviated so long as the abbreviation is unique, so the following are valid, unambiguous specifications: `-h`, `-v`, `-c`, `-i`, `-o`, `-e`, `-s`, `-w`, `-re`, `-pr`, `-ru`, and `-po` and can be used in place of the longer forms of the command line options.

For information on restarting Dakota, see Restarting Dakota Studies and The Dakota Restart Utility.

2.2 Examples

To run Dakota with a particular input file, the following syntax can be used:

```
dakota -i dakota.in
```

or more simply

```
dakota dakota.in
```

This will echo the standard output (stdout) and standard error (stderr) messages to the terminal. To redirect stdout and stderr to separate files, the `-o` and `-e` command line options may be used:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -o dakota.out -e dakota.err
```

or

```
dakota -o dakota.out -e dakota.err dakota.in
```

Alternatively, any of a variety of Unix redirection variants can be used. Refer to[7] for more information on Unix redirection. The simplest of these redirects stdout to another file:

```
dakota dakota.in > dakota.out
```

2.3 Execution Phases

Dakota has three execution phases: `pre-run`, `run`, and `post-run`.

- `pre-run` can be used to generate variable sets
- `run` (core run) invokes the simulation to evaluate variables, producing responses
- `post-run` accepts variable/response sets and analyzes the results (for example, calculate correlations from a set of samples). Currently only two modes are supported and only for sampling, parameter study, and DACE methods:

(1) pre-run only with optional tabular output of variables:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -pre_run [::myvariables.dat]
```

(2) post-run only with required tabular input of variables/responses:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -post_run myvarsresponses.dat::
```

2.4 Restarting Dakota Studies

Dakota is often used to solve problems that require repeatedly running computationally expensive simulation codes. In some cases you may want to repeat an optimization study, but with a tighter final convergence tolerance. This would be costly if the entire optimization analysis had to be repeated. Interruptions imposed by computer usage policies, power outages, and system failures could also result in costly delays. However, Dakota automatically records the variable and response data from all function evaluations so that new executions of Dakota can pick up where previous executions left off. The Dakota restart file (`dakota.rst` by default) archives the tabulated interface evaluations in a binary format. The primary restart commands at the command line are `-read_restart`, `-write_restart`, and `-stop_restart`.

2.4.1 Writing Restart Files

To write a restart file using a particular name, the `-write_restart` command line input (may be abbreviated as `-w`) is used:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -write_restart my_restart_file
```

If no `-write_restart` specification is used, then Dakota will still write a restart file, but using the default name `dakota.rst` instead of a user-specified name.

To turn restart recording off, the user may use the restart_file keyword, in the `interface` block. This can increase execution speed and reduce disk storage requirements, but at the expense of a loss in the ability to recover and continue a run that terminates prematurely. This option is not recommended when function evaluations are costly or prone to failure. Please note that using the `deactivate restart_file` specification will result in a zero length restart file with the default name dakota.rst, which can overwrite an exiting file.

2.4.2 Using Restart Files

To restart Dakota from a restart file, the `-read_restart` command line input (may be abbreviated as `-r`) is used:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -read_restart my_restart_file
```

If no `-read_restart` specification is used, then Dakota will not read restart information from any file (i.e., the default is no restart processing).

To read in only a portion of a restart file, the `-stop_restart` control (may be abbreviated as `-s`) is used to specify the number of entries to be read from the database. Note that this integer value corresponds to the restart record processing counter (as can be seen when using the `print` utility (see The Dakota Restart Utility) which may differ from the evaluation numbers used in the previous run if, for example, any duplicates were detected (since these duplicates are not recorded in the restart file). In the case of a `-stop_restart` specification, it is usually desirable to specify a new restart file using `-write_restart` so as to remove the records of erroneous or corrupted function evaluations. For example, to read in the first 50 evaluations from `dakota.rst`:

```
dakota -i dakota.in -r dakota.rst -s 50 -w dakota_new.rst
```

The `dakota_new.rst` file will contain the 50 processed evaluations from `dakota.rst` as well as any new evaluations. All evaluations following the 50^{th} in `dakota.rst` have been removed from the latest restart record.

2.4.3 Appending to a Restart File

If the `-write_restart` and `-read_restart` specifications identify the same file (including the case where `-write_restart` is not specified and `-read_restart` identifies `dakota.rst`), then new evaluations will be appended to the existing restart file.

2.4.4 Working with multiple Restart Files

If the -write_restart and -read_restart specifications identify different files, then the evaluations read from the file identified by -read_restart are first written to the -write_restart file. Any new evaluations are then appended to the -write_restart file. In this way, restart operations can be chained together indefinitely with the assurance that all of the relevant evaluations are present in the latest restart file.

2.4.5 How it Works

Dakota's restart algorithm relies on its duplicate detection capabilities. Processing a restart file populates the list of function evaluations that have been performed. Then, when the study is restarted, it is started from the beginning (not a warm start) and many of the function evaluations requested by the iterator are intercepted by the duplicate detection code. This approach has the primary advantage of restoring the complete state of the iteration (including the ability to correctly detect subsequent duplicates) for all methods/iterators without the need for iterator-specific restart code. However, the possibility exists for numerical round-off error to cause a divergence between the evaluations performed in the previous and restarted studies. This has been rare in practice.

2.5 The Dakota Restart Utility

The Dakota restart utility program provides a variety of facilities for managing restart files from Dakota executions. The executable program name is dakota_restart_util and it has the following options, as shown by the usage message returned when executing the utility without any options:

```
Usage:
  dakota_restart_util command <arg1> [<arg2> <arg3> ...] --options
    dakota_restart_util print <restart_file>
    dakota_restart_util to_neutral <restart_file> <neutral_file>
    dakota_restart_util from_neutral <neutral_file> <restart_file>
    dakota_restart_util to_tabular <restart_file> <text_file> [--custom_annotated [header] [eval_id] [interface_i
    dakota_restart_util remove <double> <old_restart_file> <new_restart_file>
    dakota_restart_util remove_ids <int_1> ... <int_n> <old_restart_file> <new_restart_file>
    dakota_restart_util cat <restart_file_1> ... <restart_file_n> <new_restart_file>
options:
  --help                 show dakota_restart_util help message
  --custom_annotated arg tabular file options: header, eval_id, interface_id
```

Several of these functions involve format conversions. In particular, the binary format used for restart files can be converted to ASCII text and printed to the screen, converted to and from a neutral file format, or converted to a tabular format for importing into 3rd-party graphics programs. In addition, a restart file with corrupted data can be repaired by value or id, and multiple restart files can be combined to create a master database.

2.5.1 Print Command

The print option is useful to show contents of a restart file, since the binary format is not convenient for direct inspection. The restart data is printed in full precision, so that exact matching of points is possible for restarted runs or corrupted data removals. For example, the following command

```
dakota_restart_util print
dakota.rst
```

results in output similar to the following:

```
  ----------------------------------------
  Restart record    1  (evaluation id    1):
  ----------------------------------------
  Parameters:
                       1.8000000000000000e+00 intake_dia
```

```
                     1.0000000000000000e+00 flatness

Active response data:
Active set vector = { 3 3 3 3 }
                    -2.4355973813420619e+00 obj_fn
                    -4.7428486677140930e-01 nln_ineq_con_1
                    -4.5000000000000001e-01 nln_ineq_con_2
                     1.3971143170299741e-01 nln_ineq_con_3
 [ -4.3644298963447897e-01  1.4999999999999999e-01 ] obj_fn gradient
 [  1.3855136437818300e-01  0.0000000000000000e+00 ] nln_ineq_con_1 gradient
 [  0.0000000000000000e+00  1.4999999999999999e-01 ] nln_ineq_con_2 gradient
 [  0.0000000000000000e+00 -1.9485571585149869e-01 ] nln_ineq_con_3 gradient

-----------------------------------------
Restart record    2  (evaluation id    2):
-----------------------------------------
Parameters:
                     2.1640000000000001e+00 intake_dia
                     1.7169994018008317e+00 flatness

Active response data:
Active set vector = { 3 3 3 3 }
                    -2.4869127192988878e+00 obj_fn
                     6.9256958799989843e-01 nln_ineq_con_1
                    -3.4245008972987528e-01 nln_ineq_con_2
                     8.7142207937157910e-03 nln_ineq_con_3
 [ -4.3644298963447897e-01  1.4999999999999999e-01 ] obj_fn gradient
 [  2.9814239699997572e+01  0.0000000000000000e+00 ] nln_ineq_con_1 gradient
 [  0.0000000000000000e+00  1.4999999999999999e-01 ] nln_ineq_con_2 gradient
 [  0.0000000000000000e+00 -1.6998301774282701e-01 ] nln_ineq_con_3 gradient

...<snip>...

Restart file processing completed: 11 evaluations retrieved.
```

2.5.2 Neutral File Format

A Dakota restart file can be converted to a neutral file format using a command like the following:

```
dakota_restart_util to_neutral dakota.rst dakota.neu
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Writing neutral file dakota.neu
Restart file processing completed: 11 evaluations retrieved.
```

Similarly, a neutral file can be returned to binary format using a command like the following:

```
dakota_restart_util from_neutral dakota.neu dakota.rst
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Reading neutral file dakota.neu
Writing new restart file dakota.rst
Neutral file processing completed: 11 evaluations retrieved.
```

The contents of the generated neutral file are similar to the following (from the first two records for the Cylinder example in[4]).

```
6 7 2 1.8000000000000000e+00 intake_dia 1.0000000000000000e+00 flatness 0 0 0 0
NULL 4 2 1 0 3 3 3 3 1 2 obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2 nln_ineq_con_3
  -2.4355973813420619e+00 -4.7428486677140930e-01 -4.5000000000000001e-01
   1.3971143170299741e-01 -4.3644298963447897e-01  1.4999999999999999e-01
   1.3855136437818300e-01  0.0000000000000000e+00  0.0000000000000000e+00
```

```
   1.4999999999999999e-01  0.0000000000000000e+00 -1.9485571585149869e-01 1
6 7 2 2.1640000000000001e+00 intake_dia 1.7169994018008317e+00 flatness 0 0 0 0
NULL 4 2 1 0 3 3 3 3 1 2 obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2 nln_ineq_con_3
  -2.4869127192988878e+00 6.9256958799989843e-01 -3.4245008972987528e-01
   8.7142207937157910e-03 -4.3644298963447897e-01  1.4999999999999999e-01
   2.9814239699997572e+01  0.0000000000000000e+00  0.0000000000000000e+00
   1.4999999999999999e-01  0.0000000000000000e+00 -1.6998301774282701e-01 2
```

This format is not intended for direct viewing (`print` should be used for this purpose). Rather, the neutral file capability has been used in the past for managing portability of restart data across platforms (recent use of more portable binary formats has largely eliminated this need) or for advanced repair of restart records (in cases where the `remove` command was insufficient).

2.5.3 Tabular Format

Conversion of a binary restart file to a tabular format enables convenient import of this data into 3rd-party post-processing tools such as Matlab, TECplot, Excel, etc. This facility is nearly identical to the output activated by the tabular_data keyword in the Dakota input file specification, but with two important differences:

1. No function evaluations are suppressed as they are with `tabular_data` (i.e., any internal finite difference evaluations are included).

2. The conversion can be performed later, i.e., for Dakota runs executed previously.

An example command for converting a restart file to tabular format is:

```
dakota_restart_util to_tabular dakota.rst dakota.m
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Writing tabular text file dakota.m
Restart file processing completed: 10 evaluations tabulated.
```

The contents of the generated tabular file are similar to the following (from the example in the Restart section of[4]). Note that while evaluations resulting from numerical derivative offsets would be reported (as described above), derivatives returned as part of the evaluations are not reported (since they do not readily fit within a compact tabular format):

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
4            NO_ID            0.9        1.10011 0.0002004407265       0.259945    0.7602420121
5            NO_ID            0.9        1.09989 0.0001995607255       0.260055    0.7597580121
6            NO_ID     0.58256179   0.4772224441   0.1050555937   0.1007670171 -0.06353963386
7            NO_ID   0.5826200462   0.4772224441   0.1050386469   0.1008348962 -0.06356876195
8            NO_ID   0.5825035339   0.4772224441   0.1050725476   0.1006991449 -0.06351050577
9            NO_ID     0.58256179   0.4772701663   0.1050283245    0.100743156 -0.06349408333
10           NO_ID     0.58256179   0.4771747219   0.1050828704   0.1007908783 -0.06358517983
...
```

Controlling tabular format: The command-line option `--custom_annotated` gives control of headers in the resulting tabular file. It supports options

- `header`: include %-commented header row with labels
- `eval_id`: include leading column with evaluation ID
- `interface_id`: include leading column with interface ID

For example, to recover Dakota 6.0 tabular format, which contained a header row, leading column with evaluation ID, but no interface ID:

```
dakota_restart_util to_tabular dakota.rst dakota.m --custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting in

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

2.5.4 Concatenation of Multiple Restart Files

In some instances, it is useful to combine restart files into a single master function evaluation database. For example, when constructing a data fit surrogate model, data from previous studies can be pulled in and reused to create a combined data set for the surrogate fit. An example command for concatenating multiple restart files is:

```
dakota_restart_util cat dakota.rst.1 dakota.rst.2 dakota.rst.3 dakota.rst.all
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Writing new restart file dakota.rst.all
dakota.rst.1 processing completed: 10 evaluations retrieved.
dakota.rst.2 processing completed: 110 evaluations retrieved.
dakota.rst.3 processing completed: 65 evaluations retrieved.
```

The `dakota.rst.all` database now contains 185 evaluations and can be read in for use in a subsequent Dakota study using the `-read_restart` option to the `dakota` executable.

2.5.5 Removal of Corrupted Data

On occasion, a simulation or computer system failure may cause a corruption of the Dakota restart file. For example, a simulation crash may result in failure of a post-processor to retrieve meaningful data. If 0's (or other erroneous data) are returned from the user's `analysis_driver`, then this bad data will get recorded in the restart file. If there is a clear demarcation of where corruption initiated (typical in a process with feedback, such as gradient-based optimization), then use of the `-stop_restart` option for the `dakota` executable can be effective in continuing the study from the point immediately prior to the introduction of bad data. If, however, there are interspersed corruptions throughout the restart database (typical in a process without feedback, such as sampling), then the `remove` and `remove_ids` options of `dakota_restart_util` can be useful.

An example of the command syntax for the `remove` option is:

```
dakota_restart_util remove 2.e-04 dakota.rst dakota.rst.repaired
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Writing new restart file dakota.rst.repaired
Restart repair completed: 65 evaluations retrieved, 2 removed, 63 saved.
```

where any evaluations in `dakota.rst` having an active response function value that matches `2.e-04` within machine precision are discarded when creating `dakota.rst.repaired`.

An example of the command syntax for the `remove_ids` option is:

```
dakota_restart_util remove_ids 12 15 23 44 57 dakota.rst dakota.rst.repaired
```

which results in a report similar to the following:

```
Writing new restart file dakota.rst.repaired
Restart repair completed: 65 evaluations retrieved, 5 removed, 60 saved.
```

where evaluation ids 12, 15, 23, 44, and 57 have been discarded when creating dakota.rst.repaired. An important detail is that, unlike the -stop_restart option which operates on restart record numbers, the remove_ids option operates on evaluation ids. Thus, removal is not necessarily based on the order of appearance in the restart file. This distinction is important when removing restart records for a run that contained either asynchronous or duplicate evaluations, since the restart insertion order and evaluation ids may not correspond in these cases (asynchronous evaluations have ids assigned in the order of job creation but are inserted in the restart file in the order of job completion, and duplicate evaluations are not recorded which introduces offsets between evaluation id and record number). This can also be important if removing records from a concatenated restart file, since the same evaluation id could appear more than once. In this case, all evaluation records with ids matching the remove_ids list will be removed.

If neither of these removal options is sufficient to handle a particular restart repair need, then the fallback position is to resort to direct editing of a neutral file to perform the necessary modifications.

Chapter 3

Test Problems

This page contains additional information about two test problems that are used in Dakota examples throughout the Dakota manuals Textbook and Rosenbrock.

Many of these examples are also used as code verification tests. The examples are run periodically and the results are checked against known solutions. This ensures that the algorithms are correctly implemented.

Additional test problems are described in the User's Manual.

3.1 Textbook

The two-variable version of the "textbook" test problem provides a nonlinearly constrained optimization test case. It is formulated as:

$$\begin{aligned} \texttt{minimize} \quad & f = (x_1 - 1)^4 + (x_2 - 1)^4 \\ \texttt{subject to} \quad & g_1 = x_1^2 - \frac{x_2}{2} \leq 0 \\ & g_2 = x_2^2 - \frac{x_1}{2} \leq 0 \\ & 0.5 \leq x_1 \leq 5.8 \\ & -2.9 \leq x_2 \leq 2.9 \end{aligned} \tag{textbookform}$$

Contours of this test problem are illustrated in the next two figures.

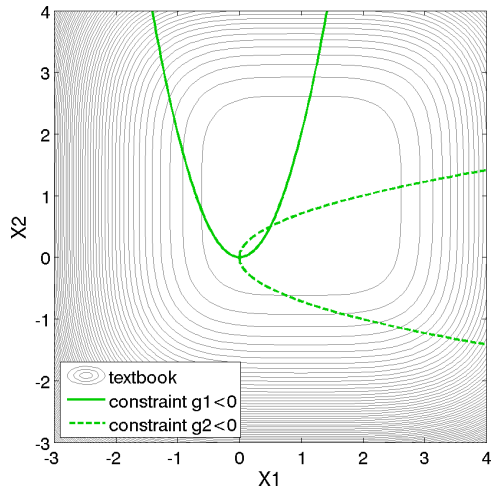

Figure 3.1: Contours of the textbook problem on the [-3,4] x [-3,4] domain. The feasible region lies at the intersection of the two constraints g_1 (solid) and g_2 (dashed).

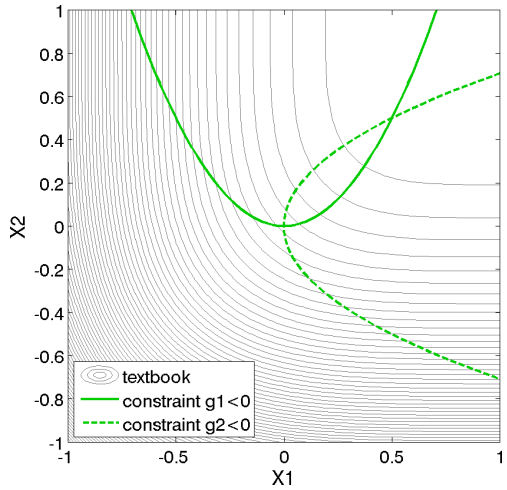

Figure 3.2: Contours of the textbook problem zoomed into an area containing the constrained optimum point (x_-1,x_2) = (0.5,0.5). The feasible region lies at the intersection of the two constraints g_1 (solid) and g_2 (dashed).

For the textbook test problem, the unconstrained minimum occurs at $(x_1, x_2) = (1, 1)$. However, the inclusion of the constraints moves the minimum to $(x_1, x_2) = (0.5, 0.5)$. Equation textbookform presents the 2-dimensional

form of the textbook problem. An extended formulation is stated as

$$\begin{aligned} \texttt{minimize} \quad & f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - 1)^4 \\ \texttt{subject to} \quad & g_1 = x_1^2 - \frac{x_2}{2} \leq 0 \\ & g_2 = x_2^2 - \frac{x_1}{2} \leq 0 \\ & 0.5 \leq x_1 \leq 5.8 \\ & -2.9 \leq x_2 \leq 2.9 \end{aligned} \tag{tbe}$$

where n is the number of design variables. The objective function is designed to accommodate an arbitrary number of design variables in order to allow flexible testing of a variety of data sets. Contour plots for the $n = 2$ case have been shown previously.

For the optimization problem given in Equation tbe, the unconstrained solution (`num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints` set to zero) for two design variables is:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1.0 \\ x_2 &= 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$f^* = 0.0$$

The solution for the optimization problem constrained by g_1\ (`num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints` set to one) is:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 0.763 \\ x_2 &= 1.16 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} f^* &= 0.00388 \\ g_1^* &= 0.0 \ \text{(active)} \end{aligned}$$

The solution for the optimization problem constrained by g_1 and g_2\ (`num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints` set to two) is:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 0.500 \\ x_2 &= 0.500 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$\begin{aligned} f^* &= 0.125 \\ g_1^* &= 0.0 \ \text{(active)} \\ g_2^* &= 0.0 \ \text{(active)} \end{aligned}$$

Note that as constraints are added, the design freedom is restricted (the additional constraints are active at the solution) and an increase in the optimal objective function is observed.

3.2 Rosenbrock

The Rosenbrock function[34] is a well-known test problem for optimization algorithms. The standard formulation includes two design variables, and computes a single objective function. This problem can also be posed as a least-squares optimization problem with two residuals to be minimzed because the objective function is the sum of squared terms.

Standard Formulation

The standard two-dimensional formulation can be stated as

$$\texttt{minimize} \quad f = 100(x_2 - x_1^2)^2 + (1 - x_1)^2 \tag{rosenstd}$$

Surface and contour plots for this function are shown in the Dakota User's Manual.

The optimal solution is:

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= 1.0 \\ x_2 &= 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

with

$$f^* = 0.0$$

A Least-Squares Optimization Formulation

This test problem may also be used to exercise least-squares solution methods by recasting the standard problem formulation into:

$$\texttt{minimize} \quad f = (f_1)^2 + (f_2)^2 \tag{rosenls}$$

where

$$f_1 = 10(x_2 - x_1^2) \tag{rosenr1}$$

and

$$f_2 = 1 - x_1 \tag{rosenr2}$$

are residual terms.

The included analysis driver can handle both formulations. In the `Dakota/test` directory, the `rosenbrock` executable (compiled from `Dakota_Source/test/rosenbrock.cpp`) checks the number of response functions passed in the parameters file and returns either an objective function (as computed from Equation rosenstd) for use with optimization methods or two least squares terms (as computed from Equations rosenr1 -rosenr2) for use with least squares methods. Both cases support analytic gradients of the function set with respect to the design variables. See the User's Manual for examples of both cases (search for Rosenbrock).

Chapter 4

Dakota Input Specification

4.1 Dakota NIDR

Valid Dakota input is dictated governed by the NIDR[30] input specification file, `dakota.input.nspec`. This file is used by a code generator to create parsing system components that are compiled into Dakota. Therefore, dakota.input.nspec and its derived summary, dakota.input.summary, are the definitive source for input syntax, capability options, and optional and required capability sub-parameters for any given Dakota version.

Beginning users may find dakota.input.summary overwhelming or confusing and will likely derive more benefit from adapting example input files to a particular problem. Some examples can be found here: Sample Input Files. Advanced users can master the many input specification possibilities by understanding the structure of the input specification file.

4.2 Input Spec Overview

Refer to the dakota.input.summary file, in Input Spec Summary, for current input specifications.

- The summary describes every keyword including:
  - Whether it is required or optional
  - Whether it takes `ARGUMENTS` (always required) Additional notes about `ARGUMENTS` can be found here: Specifying Arguments.
  - Whether it has an `ALIAS`, or synonym
  - Which additional keywords can be specified to change its behavior
- Additional details and descriptions are described in Keywords Area
- For additional details on NIDR specification logic and rules, refer to[30] (Gay, 2008).

4.2.1 Common Specification Mistakes

Spelling mistakes and omission of required parameters are the most common errors. Some causes of errors are more obscure:

- Documentation of new capability sometimes lags its availability in source and executables, especially stable releases. When parsing errors occur that the documentation cannot explain, reference to the particular input specification used in building the executable, which is installed alongside the executable, will often resolve the errors.

- If you want to compare results with those obtained using an earlier version of Dakota (prior to 4.1), your input file for the earlier version must use backslashes to indicate continuation lines for Dakota keywords. For example, rather than

```
# Comment about the following "responses" keyword...
responses,
    objective_functions = 1
    # Comment within keyword "responses"
    analytic_gradients
# Another comment within keyword "responses"
    no_hessians
```

  you would need to write

```
# Comment about the following "responses" keyword...
responses,                        \
    objective_functions = 1           \
    # Comment within keyword "responses"      \
    analytic_gradients              \
# Another comment within keyword "responses"      \
    no_hessians
```

  with no white space (blanks or tabs) after the \ character.

In most cases, the NIDR system provides error messages that help the user isolate errors in Dakota input files.

4.2.2 Specifying Arguments

Some keywords, such as those providing bounds on variables, have an associated list of values or strings, referred to as arguments.

When the same value should be repeated several times in a row, you can use the notation `N*value` instead of repeating the value N times.

For example

```
lower_bounds  -2.0  -2.0  -2.0
upper_bounds   2.0   2.0   2.0
```

could also be written

```
lower_bounds  3*-2.0
upper_bounds  3* 2.0
```

(with optional spaces around the $*$).

Another possible abbreviation is for sequences: L:S:U (with optional spaces around the :) is expanded to L L+S L+2$*$S ... U, and L:U (with no second colon) is treated as L:1:U.

For example, in one of the test examples distributed with Dakota (test case 2 of `test/dakota_uq_textbook_sop_lhs.in`),

```
histogram_point = 2
  abscissas   = 50. 60. 70. 80. 90.
                30. 40. 50. 60. 70.
  counts      = 10 20 30 20 10
                10 20 30 20 10
```

could also be written

```
histogram_point = 2
  abscissas   = 50 : 10 : 90
                30 : 10 : 70
  counts      = 10:10:30 20 10
                10:10:30 20 10
```

Count and sequence abbreviations can be used together. For example

```
response_levels =
    0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
    0.0 0.1 0.2 0.3 0.4 0.5 0.6 0.7 0.8 0.9 1.0
```

can be abbreviated

```
response_levels =
    2*0.0:0.1:1.0
```

4.3 Sample Input Files

A Dakota input file is a collection of fields from the dakota.input.summary file that describe the problem to be solved by Dakota. Several examples follow.

Sample 1: Optimization

The following sample input file shows single-method optimization of the Textbook Example (see Textbook) using DOT's modified method of feasible directions. A similar file is available as `Dakota/examples/users/textbook_opt_conmin.in`.

```
# Dakota Input File: textbook_opt_conmin.in
environment
 graphics
 tabular_data
  tabular_data_file = 'textbook_opt_conmin.dat'

method
# dot_mmfd #DOT performs better but may not be available
 conmin_mfd
  max_iterations = 50
  convergence_tolerance = 1e-4

variables
 continuous_design = 2
  initial_point  0.9  1.1
  upper_bounds   5.8  2.9
  lower_bounds   0.5  -2.9
  descriptors   'x1'  'x2'

interface
 direct
  analysis_driver =    'text_book'

responses
 objective_functions = 1
 nonlinear_inequality_constraints = 2
 numerical_gradients
  method_source dakota
  interval_type central
  fd_gradient_step_size = 1.e-4
 no_hessians
```

Sample 2: Least Squares (Calibration)

The following sample input file shows a nonlinear least squares (calibration) solution of the Rosenbrock Example (see Rosenbrock) using the NL2SOL method. A similar file is available as `Dakota/examples/users/rosen_opt_nls.in`

```
# Dakota Input File: rosen_opt_nls.in
environment
```

```
 graphics
 tabular_data
  tabular_data_file = 'rosen_opt_nls.dat'

method
 max_iterations = 100
 convergence_tolerance = 1e-4
 nl2sol

model
 single

variables
 continuous_design = 2
  initial_point  -1.2   1.0
  lower_bounds   -2.0   -2.0
  upper_bounds   2.0   2.0
  descriptors    'x1'   "x2"

interface
 analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
  direct

responses
 calibration_terms = 2
 analytic_gradients
 no_hessians
```

Sample 3: Nondeterministic Analysis

The following sample input file shows Latin Hypercube Monte Carlo sampling using the Textbook Example (see Textbook). A similar file is available as `Dakota/test/dakota_uq_textbook_lhs.in`.

```
method,
    sampling,
     samples = 100 seed = 1
     complementary distribution
     response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
               6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
               3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
     sample_type lhs

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
     means       = 248.89, 593.33
     std_deviations  =  12.4,  29.7
     descriptors    = 'TF1n' 'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
     lower_bounds   = 199.3, 474.63
     upper_bounds   = 298.5, 712.
     descriptors    = 'TF1u' 'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
     alphas      =  12.,  30.
     betas       = 250.,  590.
     descriptors    = 'TF1w' 'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
     num_pairs  = 3     4
     abscissas  = 5 8 10 .1 .2 .3 .4
     counts   = 17 21 0 12 24 12  0
     descriptors = 'TF1h' 'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain = 1
     num_pairs  = 2
     abscissas  = 3 4
```

```
     counts   = 1 1
     descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    fork asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
     analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Sample 4: Parameter Study

The following sample input file shows a 1-D vector parameter study using the Textbook Example (see Textbook). It makes use of the default environment and model specifications, so they can be omitted. A similar file is available in the test directory as `Dakota/examples/users/rosen_ps_vector.in`.

```
# Dakota Input File: rosen_ps_vector.in
environment
 graphics
 tabular_data
  tabular_data_file = 'rosen_ps_vector.dat'

method
 vector_parameter_study
  final_point = 1.1 1.3
  num_steps = 10

variables
 continuous_design = 2
  initial_point  -0.3   0.2
  descriptors    'x1'   "x2"

interface
 analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
  direct

responses
 objective_functions = 1
 no_gradients
 no_hessians
```

Sample 5: Hybrid Strategy

The following sample input file shows a hybrid environment using three methods. It employs a genetic algorithm, pattern search, and full Newton gradient-based optimization in succession to solve the Textbook Example (see Textbook). A similar file is available as `Dakota/examples/users/textbook_hybrid_strat.in`.

```
environment
 graphics
 hybrid sequential
  method_list = 'PS' 'PS2' 'NLP'

method
 id_method = 'PS'
 model_pointer = 'M1'
 coliny_pattern_search stochastic
  seed = 1234
  initial_delta = 0.1
  threshold_delta = 1.e-4
  solution_accuracy = 1.e-10
```

```
  exploratory_moves basic_pattern
  #verbose output

method
 id_method = 'PS2'
 model_pointer = 'M1'
 max_function_evaluations = 10
 coliny_pattern_search stochastic
  seed = 1234
  initial_delta = 0.1
  threshold_delta = 1.e-4
  solution_accuracy = 1.e-10
  exploratory_moves basic_pattern
  #verbose output

method
 id_method = 'NLP'
 model_pointer = 'M2'
    optpp_newton
  gradient_tolerance = 1.e-12
  convergence_tolerance = 1.e-15
  #verbose output

model
 id_model = 'M1'
 single
  variables_pointer = 'V1'
  interface_pointer = 'I1'
  responses_pointer = 'R1'

model
 id_model = 'M2'
 single
  variables_pointer = 'V1'
  interface_pointer = 'I1'
  responses_pointer = 'R2'

variables
 id_variables = 'V1'
 continuous_design = 2
  initial_point  0.6  0.7
  upper_bounds   5.8  2.9
  lower_bounds   0.5  -2.9
  descriptors   'x1'  'x2'

interface
 id_interface = 'I1'
 direct
  analysis_driver= 'text_book'

responses
 id_responses = 'R1'
 objective_functions = 1
 no_gradients
 no_hessians

responses
 id_responses = 'R2'
 objective_functions = 1
 analytic_gradients
 analytic_hessians
```

Additional example input files, as well as the corresponding output and graphics, are provided in the Tutorial chapter of the Users Manual [4] (Adams et al., 2010).

4.4 Input Spec Summary

This file is derived automatically from dakota.input.nspec, which is used in the generation of parser system files that are compiled into the Dakota executable. Therefore, these files are the definitive source for input syntax, capability options, and associated data inputs. Refer to the Developers Manual information on how to modify the input specification and propagate the changes through the parsing system.

Key features of the input specification and the associated user input files include:

- In the input specification, required individual specifications simply appear, optional individual and group specifications are enclosed in [], required group specifications are enclosed in (), and either-or relationships are denoted by the | symbol. These symbols only appear in dakota.input.nspec; they must not appear in actual user input files.
- Keyword specifications (i.e., `environment`, `method`, `model`, `variables`, `interface`, and `responses`) begin with the keyword possibly preceded by white space (blanks, tabs, and newlines) both in the input specifications and in user input files. For readability, keyword specifications may be spread across several lines. Earlier versions of Dakota (prior to 4.1) required a backslash character (\) at the ends of intermediate lines of a keyword. While such backslashes are still accepted, they are no longer required.
- Some of the keyword components within the input specification indicate that the user must supply `INTEGER`, `REAL`, `STRING`, `INTEGERLIST`, `REALLIST`, or `STRINGLIST` data as part of the specification. In a user input file, the `"="` is optional, data in a `LIST` can be separated by commas or whitespace, and the `STRING` data are enclosed in single or double quotes (e.g., `'text_book'` or "text_book").
- In user input files, input is largely order-independent (except for entries in lists of data), case insensitive, and white-space insensitive. Although the order of input shown in the Sample Input Files generally follows the order of options in the input specification, this is not required.
- In user input files, specifications may be abbreviated so long as the abbreviation is unique. For example, the `npsol_sqp` specification within the method keyword could be abbreviated as `npsol`, but `dot_sqp` should not be abbreviated as `dot` since this would be ambiguous with other DOT method specifications.
- In both the input specification and user input files, comments are preceded by `#`.
- ALIAS refers to synonymous keywords, which often exist for backwards compatability. Users are encouraged to use the most current keyword.

```
KEYWORD01 environment
    [ check ]
    [ output_file STRING ]
    [ error_file STRING ]
    [ read_restart STRING
      [ stop_restart INTEGER >= 0 ]
      ]
    [ write_restart STRING ]
    [ pre_run
      [ input STRING ]
      [ output STRING
        [ annotated
        |
        ( custom_annotated
```

```
          [ header ]
          [ eval_id ]
          [ interface_id ]
          ]
        |
        ( freeform
        ]
      ]
    [ run
      [ input STRING ]
      [ output STRING ]
      ]
    [ post_run
      [ input STRING
        [ annotated
        |
        ( custom_annotated
          [ header ]
          [ eval_id ]
          [ interface_id ]
          ]
        |
        ( freeform
        ]
      [ output STRING ]
      ]
    [ graphics ]
    [ tabular_data ALIAS tabular_graphics_data
      [ tabular_data_file ALIAS tabular_graphics_file STRING ]
      [ annotated
      |
      ( custom_annotated
        [ header ]
        [ eval_id ]
        [ interface_id ]
        ]
      |
      ( freeform
      ]
    [ output_precision INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ results_output
      [ results_output_file STRING ]
      ]
    [ top_method_pointer ALIAS method_pointer STRING ]

KEYWORD12 method
    [ id_method STRING ]
    [ output
      debug
      | verbose
      | normal
      | quiet
      | silent
      ]
    [ final_solutions INTEGER >= 0 ]
    ( hybrid
      ( sequential ALIAS uncoupled
        ( method_name_list STRINGLIST
          [ model_pointer_list STRING ]
          )
        | method_pointer_list STRINGLIST
        )
```

```
    |
    ( embedded ALIAS coupled
      ( global_method_name STRING
        [ global_model_pointer STRING ]
        )
      | global_method_pointer STRING
      ( local_method_name STRING
        [ local_model_pointer STRING ]
        )
      | local_method_pointer STRING
      [ local_search_probability REAL ]
      )
    |
    ( collaborative
      ( method_name_list STRINGLIST
        [ model_pointer_list STRING ]
        )
      | method_pointer_list STRINGLIST
      )
    [ iterator_servers INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ iterator_scheduling
      master
      | peer
      ]
    [ processors_per_iterator INTEGER > 0 ]
    )
  |
  ( multi_start
    ( method_name STRING
      [ model_pointer STRING ]
      )
    | method_pointer STRING
    [ random_starts INTEGER
      [ seed INTEGER ]
      ]
    [ starting_points REALLIST ]
    [ iterator_servers INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ iterator_scheduling
      master
      | peer
      ]
    [ processors_per_iterator INTEGER > 0 ]
    )
  |
  ( pareto_set
    ( method_name ALIAS opt_method_name STRING
      [ model_pointer ALIAS opt_model_pointer STRING ]
      )
    | method_pointer ALIAS opt_method_pointer STRING
    [ random_weight_sets INTEGER
      [ seed INTEGER ]
      ]
    [ weight_sets ALIAS multi_objective_weight_sets REALLIST ]
    [ iterator_servers INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ iterator_scheduling
      master
      | peer
      ]
    [ processors_per_iterator INTEGER > 0 ]
    )
  |
  ( branch_and_bound
```

```
  method_pointer STRING
  |
  ( method_name STRING
    [ model_pointer STRING ]
    )
  [ scaling ]
  )
|
( surrogate_based_local
  method_pointer ALIAS approx_method_pointer STRING
  | method_name ALIAS approx_method_name STRING
  model_pointer ALIAS approx_model_pointer STRING
  [ soft_convergence_limit INTEGER ]
  [ truth_surrogate_bypass ]
  [ trust_region
    [ initial_size REAL ]
    [ minimum_size REAL ]
    [ contract_threshold REAL ]
    [ expand_threshold REAL ]
    [ contraction_factor REAL ]
    [ expansion_factor REAL ]
    ]
  [ approx_subproblem
    original_primary
    | single_objective
    | augmented_lagrangian_objective
    | lagrangian_objective
    original_constraints
    | linearized_constraints
    | no_constraints
    ]
  [ merit_function
    penalty_merit
    | adaptive_penalty_merit
    | lagrangian_merit
    | augmented_lagrangian_merit
    ]
  [ acceptance_logic
    tr_ratio
    | filter
    ]
  [ constraint_relax
    homotopy
    ]
  [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
  [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
  )
|
( surrogate_based_global
  method_pointer ALIAS approx_method_pointer STRING
  | method_name ALIAS approx_method_name STRING
  model_pointer ALIAS approx_model_pointer STRING
  [ replace_points ]
  [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  )
|
( dot_frcg
  [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
  [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
  [ speculative ]
```

```
    [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ scaling ]
    [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ model_pointer STRING ]
    )
  | dot_mmfd
  | dot_bfgs
  | dot_slp
  | dot_sqp
  |
  ( dot
    frcg
    | mmfd
    | bfgs
    | slp
    | sqp
    [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
    [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
    [ speculative ]
    [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ scaling ]
    [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ model_pointer STRING ]
    )
  |
  ( conmin_frcg
    [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
    [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
    [ speculative ]
    [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ scaling ]
    [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ model_pointer STRING ]
    )
  | conmin_mfd
  |
```

```
( conmin
  frcg
  | mfd
  [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
  [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
  [ speculative ]
  [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ scaling ]
  [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ model_pointer STRING ]
  )
|
( dl_solver STRING
  [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ scaling ]
  [ model_pointer STRING ]
  )
|
( npsol_sqp
  [ verify_level INTEGER ]
  [ function_precision REAL ]
  [ linesearch_tolerance REAL ]
  [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
  [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
  [ speculative ]
  [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
  [ scaling ]
  [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
  [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
  [ model_pointer STRING ]
  )
| nlssol_sqp
|
( stanford
  npsol
  | nlssol
```

```
    [ verify_level INTEGER ]
    [ function_precision REAL ]
    [ linesearch_tolerance REAL ]
    [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
    [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ constraint_tolerance REAL ]
    [ speculative ]
    [ max_function_evaluations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ scaling ]
    [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_targets REALLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
    [ linear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
    [ model_pointer STRING ]
    )
  |
  ( nlpql_sqp
    [ max_iterations INTEGER >= 0 ]
    [ convergence_tolerance REAL ]
    [ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix REALLIST ]
    [ linear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
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  | matrix
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  | matrix
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        [ system
      series
      | parallel
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    [ initial_point REALLIST ]
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    upper_bounds ALIAS tuv_upper_bounds REALLIST
    [ initial_point REALLIST ]
    [ descriptors ALIAS tuv_descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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  [ descriptors ALIAS huv_bin_descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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  [ initial_point INTEGERLIST ]
  [ descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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[ negative_binomial_uncertain INTEGER > 0
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  num_trials INTEGERLIST
  [ initial_point INTEGERLIST ]
  [ descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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[ geometric_uncertain INTEGER > 0
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  [ initial_point INTEGERLIST ]
  [ descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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  selected_population INTEGERLIST
  num_drawn INTEGERLIST
  [ initial_point INTEGERLIST ]
  [ descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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    counts REALLIST
    [ initial_point STRINGLIST ]
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    lower_bounds REALLIST
    upper_bounds REALLIST
    [ initial_point REALLIST ]
    [ descriptors ALIAS iuv_descriptors STRINGLIST ]
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      [ initial_point INTEGERLIST ]
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KEYWORD12 interface
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    [ algebraic_mappings STRING ]
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      [ analysis_components STRINGLIST ]
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      [ output_filter STRING ]
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        | fork
        [ parameters_file STRING ]
        [ results_file STRING ]
        [ allow_existing_results ]
        [ verbatim ]
        [ aprepro ALIAS dprepro ]
        [ labeled ]
        [ file_tag ]
        [ file_save ]
        [ work_directory
          [ named STRING ]
          [ directory_tag ALIAS dir_tag ]
          [ directory_save ALIAS dir_save ]
          [ link_files STRINGLIST ]
          [ copy_files STRINGLIST ]
          [ replace ]
          ]
        )
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      ( direct
        [ processors_per_analysis INTEGER > 0 ]
        )
      | matlab
      |
      ( python
        [ numpy ]
        )
      | scilab
      | grid
      [ failure_capture
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        | retry INTEGER
        | recover REALLIST
        | continuation
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      [ deactivate
        [ active_set_vector ]
        [ evaluation_cache ]
        [ strict_cache_equality
          [ cache_tolerance REAL ]
          ]
        [ restart_file ]
        ]
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      [ local_evaluation_scheduling
        dynamic
        | static
        ]
      [ analysis_concurrency INTEGER > 0 ]
      ]
    [ evaluation_servers INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ evaluation_scheduling
      master
      |
      ( peer
        dynamic
        | static
        )
      ]
    [ processors_per_evaluation INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ analysis_servers INTEGER > 0 ]
    [ analysis_scheduling
      master
      | peer
      ]

KEYWORD12 responses
    [ id_responses STRING ]
    [ descriptors ALIAS response_descriptors STRINGLIST ]
    ( objective_functions ALIAS num_objective_functions INTEGER >= 0
      [ sense STRINGLIST ]
      [ primary_scale_types ALIAS objective_function_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
      [ primary_scales ALIAS objective_function_scales REALLIST ]
      [ weights ALIAS multi_objective_weights REALLIST ]
      [ nonlinear_inequality_constraints ALIAS num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints INTEGER >= 0
        [ lower_bounds ALIAS nonlinear_inequality_lower_bounds REALLIST ]
        [ upper_bounds ALIAS nonlinear_inequality_upper_bounds REALLIST ]
        [ scale_types ALIAS nonlinear_inequality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
        [ scales ALIAS nonlinear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
        ]
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        [ scale_types ALIAS nonlinear_equality_scale_types STRINGLIST ]
        [ scales ALIAS nonlinear_equality_scales REALLIST ]
        ]
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        lengths INTEGERLIST
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        [ read_field_coordinates ]
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      lengths INTEGERLIST
      [ num_coordinates_per_field INTEGERLIST ]
      [ read_field_coordinates ]
      ]
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    [ weights ALIAS calibration_weights ALIAS least_squares_weights REALLIST ]
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        [ num_config_variables INTEGER >= 0 ]
        [ variance_type STRINGLIST ]
        [ scalar_data_file STRING
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      ( custom_annotated
        [ header ]
        [ exp_id ]
        ]
      |
      ( freeform
      ]
        [ interpolate ]
        )
    |
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      [ scales ALIAS nonlinear_inequality_scales REALLIST ]
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      lengths INTEGERLIST
      [ num_coordinates_per_field INTEGERLIST ]
      [ read_field_coordinates ]
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  | analytic_gradients
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    id_analytic_gradients INTEGERLIST
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        [ relative
        | absolute
        | bounds ]
        )
    | vendor ]
    [ interval_type ]
    [ forward
    | central ]
    [ fd_step_size ALIAS fd_gradient_step_size REALLIST ]
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    | bounds ]
    [ forward
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    ( bfgs
      [ damped ]
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    | sr1
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  | analytic_hessians
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      ]
    [ relative
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    [ damped ]
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  | sr1
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[ id_analytic_hessians INTEGERLIST ]
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Chapter 5

Topics Area

This page introduces the user to the topics used to organize keywords.

- admin
- dakota_IO
- dakota_concepts
- models
- variables
- responses
- interface
- methods
- advanced_topics
- packages

5.1 admin

Description

This is only for management while ref man is under construction

Related Topics

- empty
- problem
- not_yet_reviewed

Related Keywords

5.1.1 empty

Description

This topic tracks the keywords which do not have content in the reference manual

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.1.2 problem

Description

empty

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.1.3 not_yet_reviewed

Description

Not yet reviewed.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.2 dakota_IO

Description

Keywords and Concepts relating inputs to Dakota and outputs from Dakota

Related Topics

- dakota_inputs
- dakota_output
- file_formats

Related Keywords

- error_file : Base filename for error redirection
- output_file : Base filename for output redirection
- input : Base filename for post-run mode data input

- output : Base filename for post-run mode data output
- input : Base filename for pre-run mode data input
- output : Base filename for pre-run mode data output
- read_restart : Base filename for restart file read
- stop_restart : Evaluation ID number at which to stop reading restart file
- input : Base filename for run mode data input
- output : Base filename for run mode data output
- write_restart : Base filename for restart file write

5.2.1 dakota_inputs

Description

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Related Topics

- block
- data_import_capabilities

Related Keywords

5.2.2 block

Description

A block is the highest level of keyword organization in Dakota. There are currently 6 blocks in the Dakota input spec:

Related Topics

- block_identifier
- block_pointer

Related Keywords

- environment : Top-level settings for Dakota execution
- interface : Specifies how function evaluations will be performed in order to map the variables into the responses.
- method : Begins Dakota method selection and behavioral settings.
- model : Specifies how variables are mapped into a set of responses
- responses : Description of the model output data returned to Dakota upon evaluation of an interface.
- variables : Specifies the parameter set to be iterated by a particular method.

block_identifier

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- id_interface : Name the interface block; helpful when there are multiple
- id_method : Name the method block; helpful when there are multiple
- id_model : Give the model block an identifying name, in case of multiple model blocks
- id_responses : Name the response block, helpful when there are multiple

block_pointer

Description

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- top_method_pointer : Identify which method leads the Dakota study
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- method_pointer : Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
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- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer_list : Associate models with method names
- method_pointer_list : Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively
- global_model_pointer : Pointer to model used by global method
- global_method_pointer : Pointer to global method
- local_model_pointer : Pointer to model used by local method
- local_method_pointer : Pointer to local method
- model_pointer_list : Associate models with method names
- method_pointer_list : Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
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- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- method_pointer : Pointer to sub-method to run from each starting point
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
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- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- method_pointer : Pointer to optimization or least-squares sub-method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
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- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- method_pointer : Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- model_pointer : Identifier for model block to be used by a method
- optional_interface_pointer : Pointer to interface that provides non-nested responses
- optional_interface_responses_pointer : Pointer to responses block that defines non-nested responses
- sub_method_pointer : The `sub_method_pointer` specifies the method block for the sub-iterator
- responses_pointer : Specify which reponses block will be used by this model block
- interface_pointer : Interface block pointer for the single model type
- dace_method_pointer : Specify a method to gather training data
- high_fidelity_model_pointer : Pointer to high fidelity model
- low_fidelity_model_pointer : Pointer to low fidelity model
- actual_model_pointer : Pointer to specify a ”truth” model, from which to construct a surrogate
- actual_model_pointer : Pointer to specify a ”truth” model, from which to construct a surrogate
- variables_pointer : Specify which variables block will be included with this model block
- id_variables : Name the variables block; helpful when there are multiple

5.2.3 data_import_capabilities

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.2.4 dakota_output

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- graphics : Display a 2D graphics window of variables and responses
- output_precision : Control the output precision
- results_output : (Experimental) Write a summary file containing the final results
- results_output_file : The base file name of the results file
- tabular_data : Write a tabular results file with variable and response history
- tabular_data_file : File name for tabular data output
- output : Control how much method information is written to the screen and output file

5.2.5 file_formats

Description

See sections ”Inputs to Dakota” and ”Outputs from Dakota” in the Dakota User’s Manual[4].

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- annotated : Selects annotated tabular file format
- custom_annotated : Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
- freeform : Selects freeform file format
- annotated : Selects annotated tabular file format
- custom_annotated : Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
- freeform : Selects freeform file format
- annotated : Selects annotated tabular file format
- custom_annotated : Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
- freeform : Selects freeform file format
- aprepro : Write parameters files in APREPRO syntax
- labeled : Requires correct function value labels in results file
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- labeled : Requires correct function value labels in results file
- annotated : Selects annotated tabular file format
- custom_annotated : Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

- freeform : Selects freeform file format
- active_only : Import only active variables from tabular data file
- annotated : Selects annotated tabular file format
- custom_annotated : Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
- freeform : Selects freeform file format
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5.3 dakota_concepts

Description

Miscallaneous concepts related to Dakota operation

Related Topics

- method_independent_controls
- block
- strategies
- command_line_options
- restarts
- pointers

Related Keywords

5.3.1 method_independent_controls

Description

The <method independent controls> are those controls which are valid for a variety of methods. In some cases, these controls are abstractions which may have slightly different implementations from one method to the next. While each of these controls is not valid for every method, the controls are valid for enough methods that it was reasonable to consolidate the specifications.

Related Topics

- linear_constraints

Related Keywords

- max_iterations : Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
- constraint_tolerance : The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
- max_function_evaluations : Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
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- scaling : Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
- speculative : Compute speculative gradients
- output : Control how much method information is written to the screen and output file
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5.3.2 linear_constraints

Description

Many methods use linear equality or inequality constraints.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

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- linear_equality_scales : Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
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- linear_inequality_lower_bounds : Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
- linear_inequality_scale_types : Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
- linear_inequality_scales : Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds : Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
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5.3.3 block

Description

A block is the highest level of keyword organization in Dakota. There are currently 6 blocks in the Dakota input spec:

Related Topics

- block_identifier
- block_pointer

Related Keywords

- environment : Top-level settings for Dakota execution
- interface : Specifies how function evaluations will be performed in order to map the variables into the responses.
- method : Begins Dakota method selection and behavioral settings.
- model : Specifies how variables are mapped into a set of responses
- responses : Description of the model output data returned to Dakota upon evaluation of an interface.
- variables : Specifies the parameter set to be iterated by a particular method.

block_identifier

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- id_interface : Name the interface block; helpful when there are multiple
- id_method : Name the method block; helpful when there are multiple
- id_model : Give the model block an identifying name, in case of multiple model blocks
- id_responses : Name the response block, helpful when there are multiple

block_pointer

Description

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

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- variables_pointer : Specify which variables block will be included with this model block
- id_variables : Name the variables block; helpful when there are multiple

5.3.4 strategies

Description

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Related Topics

- advanced_strategies

Related Keywords

5.3.5 advanced_strategies

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.3.6 command_line_options

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- check : Invoke Dakota in input check mode
- error_file : Base filename for error redirection
- output_file : Base filename for output redirection
- post_run : Invoke Dakota with post-run mode active
- pre_run : Invoke Dakota with pre-run mode active
- read_restart : Base filename for restart file read
- run : Invoke Dakota with run mode active
- write_restart : Base filename for restart file write

5.3.7 restarts

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.3.8 pointers

Description

For all pointer specifications, if a pointer string is specified and no corresponding id string is available, Dakota will exit with an error message.

If the pointer is optional and no pointer string is specified, then the last specification parsed will be used.

It is appropriate to omit optional cross-referencing whenever the relationships are unambiguous due to the presence of only one specification.

Related Topics

- block_pointer
- objective_function_pointer

Related Keywords

5.3.9 block_pointer

Description

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Related Topics

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5.3.10 objective_function_pointer

Description

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- id_analytic_gradients : Identify which analytical gradient corresponds to which response
- id_numerical_gradients : Identify which numerical gradient corresponds to which response
- id_analytic_hessians : Identify which analytical Hessian corresponds to which response
- id_numerical_hessians : Identify which numerical-Hessian corresponds to which response
- id_quasi_hessians : Identify which quasi-Hessian corresponds to which response

5.4 models

Description

Keywords and Concepts relating to the `model` block

Related Topics

- surrogate_models
- recast_models
- multifidelity_models
- reduced_order_models
- nested_models
- advanced_model_recursion

Related Keywords

5.4.1 surrogate_models

Description

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Related Topics

- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

Related Keywords

- point_selection : Enable greedy selection of well-spaced build points
- export_model : Exports surrogate model in user-selected format
- filename_prefix : User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
- formats : Formats for surrogate model export
- algebraic_console : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console
- algebraic_file : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
- binary_archive : Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
- text_archive : Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
- export_model : Exports surrogate model in user-selected format
- filename_prefix : User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
- formats : Formats for surrogate model export
- binary_archive : Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
- text_archive : Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
- metrics : Compute surrogate quality metrics
- cross_validation : Perform k-fold cross validation

- export_model : Exports surrogate model in user-selected format
- filename_prefix : User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
- formats : Formats for surrogate model export
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- algebraic_file : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
- binary_archive : Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
- text_archive : Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
- max_nodes : Maximum number of hidden layer nodes
- random_weight : (Inactive) Random weight control
- range : Range for neural network random weights
- export_model : Exports surrogate model in user-selected format
- filename_prefix : User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
- formats : Formats for surrogate model export
- algebraic_console : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console
- algebraic_file : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
- binary_archive : Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
- text_archive : Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
- bases : Initial number of radial basis functions
- export_model : Exports surrogate model in user-selected format
- filename_prefix : User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
- formats : Formats for surrogate model export
- algebraic_console : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console
- algebraic_file : Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
- binary_archive : Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
- text_archive : Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

- max_pts : Maximum number of RBF CVT points
- max_subsets : Number of trial RBF subsets
- min_partition : (Inactive) Minimum RBF partition
- reuse_points : Surrogate model training data reuse control

5.4.2 surrogate_based_optimization_methods

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- efficient_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO
- surrogate_based_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization
- surrogate_based_local : Local Surrogate Based Optimization

5.4.3 recast_models

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.4.4 multifidelity_models

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5.4.5 reduced_order_models

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5.4.6 nested_models

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5.4.7 advanced_model_recursion

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Related Topics

- hybrid_and_recursions_logic

Related Keywords

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.5 variables

Description

Keywords and concepts relating to the `variables` block

Related Topics

- variable_domain
- variable_type

Related Keywords

5.5.1 variable_domain

Description

Dakota variables can be grouped by their valid domains.

1. Mixed: continuous and discrete variables are treated separately
2. Relaxed: noncategorical discrete variables are relaxed and treated as continuous variables (categorical variables are non-relaxable and remain discrete)

Refer to mixed and relaxed for additional information.

Related Topics

- continuous_variables
- discrete_variables

Related Keywords

5.5.2 continuous_variables

Description

This page collects information related to the topic of continuous design, uncertain, and state variables.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- beta_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - beta
- continuous_design : Continuous design variables; each defined by a real interval
- continuous_interval_uncertain : Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more continuous intervals
- continuous_state : Continuous state variables
- exponential_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - exponential
- frechet_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - Frechet
- gamma_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - gamma
- gumbel_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - gumbel
- histogram_bin_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - continuous histogram
- lognormal_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - lognormal
- loguniform_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - loguniform
- normal_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - normal (Gaussian)

- triangular_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - triangular
- uniform_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - uniform
- weibull_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - Weibull

5.5.3 discrete_variables

Description

This page discusses discrete design, uncertain, and state variables (which have `discrete` in their keyword name) as they have similar specifications. These include:

1. Integer ranges
2. Sets of integers
3. Sets of reals
4. Sets of strings and each is described below.

In addition, some aleatory uncertain variables, e.g., binomial_uncertain, are discrete integer-valued random variables specified using parameters. These are described on their individual keyword pages.

Sets

Sets of integers, reals, and strings have similar specifications, though different value types.
The variables are specified using three keywords:

- Variable declaration keyword - specifies the number of variables being defined
- `elements_per_variable` - a list of positive integers specifying how many set members each variable admits
  - Length = # of variables
- `elements` - a list of the permissible integer values in ALL sets, concatenated together.
  - Length = sum of `elements_per_variable`, or an integer multiple of number of variables
  - The order is very important here.
  - The list is partitioned according to the values of `elements_per_variable`, and each partition is assigned to a variable.
- The ordering of `elements_per_variable`, and the partitions of `elements` must match the strings from `descriptors`

For string variables, each string element value must be quoted and may contain alphanumeric, dash, underscore, and colon. White space, quote characters, and backslash/metacharacters are not permitted.
Examples are given on the pages:

- discrete design set integer
- discrete design set real
- discrete design set string
- discrete uncertain set integer

- discrete uncertain set real
- discrete uncertain set string

Range

For discrete variables defined by range(s), the `lower_bounds` and `upper_bounds` restrict the permisible values. For design variables, this constrains the feasible design space and is frequently used to prevent nonphysical designs. This is a discrete interval variable that may take any integer value within bounds (e.g., [1, 4], allowing values of 1, 2, 3, or 4). For some variable types, each variable is can be defined by multiple ranges.

Examples are given on the pages:

- discrete_interval_uncertain

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- binomial_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - binomial
- discrete_design_range : Discrete design variables; each defined by an integer interval
- discrete_design_set : Set-valued discrete design variables
- integer : Integer-valued discrete design variables
- real : Real-valued discrete design variables
- string : String-valued discrete design set variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain : Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more discrete intervals
- discrete_state_range : Discrete state variables; each defined by an integer interval
- discrete_state_set : Set-valued discrete state variables
- integer : Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible integers
- real : Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible real numbers
- string : String-valued discrete state set variables
- discrete_uncertain_set : Set-valued discrete uncertain variables
- integer : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - integers within a set
- real : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - real numbers within a set
- string : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - strings within a set
- geometric_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - geometric
- histogram_point_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - discrete histogram
- hypergeometric_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - hypergeometric
- negative_binomial_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - negative binomial
- poisson_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - Poisson

5.5.4 variable_type

Description

Dakota variables can be grouped by their type, including `all`, `design`, `uncertain`, `aleatory`, `epistemic`, or `state`. There are certain situations where the user may want to explicitly control the subset of variables that is considered active for a certain Dakota method, and override the default alignments between methods and variable types. Refer to active for additional information.

Related Topics

- design_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables
- state_variables

Related Keywords

5.5.5 design_variables

Description

Design variables are those variables which are modified for the purposes of computing an optimal design.

The most common type of design variables encountered in engineering applications are of the continuous type. These variables may assume any real value within their bounds. All but a handful of the optimization algorithms in Dakota support continuous design variables exclusively.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- continuous_design : Continuous design variables; each defined by a real interval
- discrete_design_range : Discrete design variables; each defined by an integer interval
- discrete_design_set : Set-valued discrete design variables
- integer : Integer-valued discrete design variables
- real : Real-valued discrete design variables
- string : String-valued discrete design set variables

5.5.6 aleatory_uncertain_variables

Description

Aleatory uncertainty is also known as inherent variability, irreducible uncertainty, or randomness.

Aleatory uncertainty is predominantly charaterized using probability theory. This is the only option implemented in Dakota.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- beta_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - beta
- binomial_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - binomial
- exponential_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - exponential
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- lognormal_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - lognormal
- loguniform_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - loguniform
- negative_binomial_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - negative binomial
- normal_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - normal (Gaussian)
- poisson_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - Poisson
- triangular_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - triangular
- uniform_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - uniform
- weibull_uncertain : Aleatory uncertain variable - Weibull

5.5.7 epistemic_uncertain_variables

Description

Epistemic uncertainty is uncertainty due to lack of knowledge.

In Dakota, epistemic uncertainty is characterized by interval analysis or the Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

Note that epistemic uncertainty can also be modeled with probability density functions - similarly to aleatory uncertainty Dakota does not support this capability.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- continuous_interval_uncertain : Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more continuous intervals
- discrete_interval_uncertain : Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more discrete intervals
- discrete_uncertain_set : Set-valued discrete uncertain variables
- integer : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - integers within a set
- real : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - real numbers within a set
- string : Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - strings within a set

5.5.8 state_variables

Description

State variables provide a convenient mechanism for managing additional model parameterizations such as mesh density, simulation convergence tolerances, and time step controls.

Only parameter studies and design of experiments methods will iterate on state variables.

The `initial_state` is used as the only value for the state variable for all other methods, unless `active state` is invoked.

If a method iterates on a state variable, the variable is treated as a design variable with the given bounds, or as a uniform uncertain variable with the given bounds.

If the state variable is defined only by its bounds, and the method does NOT iterate on state variables, then the `initial_state` must be inferred.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- continuous_state : Continuous state variables
- discrete_state_range : Discrete state variables; each defined by an integer interval
- discrete_state_set : Set-valued discrete state variables
- integer : Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible integers
- real : Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible real numbers
- string : String-valued discrete state set variables

5.6 responses

Description

Keywords and concepts relating to the `responses` block

Related Topics

- response_types

Related Keywords

5.6.1 response_types

Description

The specification must be one of three types:

1. objective and constraint functions
2. calibration (least squares) terms and constraint functions
3. a generic response functions specification.

These correspond to (a) optimization, (b) deterministic (least squares) or stochastic (Bayesian) inversion, and (c) general-purpose analyzer methods such as parameter studies, DACE, and UQ methods, respectively. Refer to responses for additional details and examples.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.7 interface

Description

Keywords and Concepts relating to the `interface` block, which is used to connect Dakota to external analysis codes (simulations, etc.)

Related Topics

- simulation_file_management
- workflow_management
- advanced_simulation_interfaces

Related Keywords

5.7.1 simulation_file_management

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.7.2 workflow_management

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.7.3 advanced_simulation_interfaces

Description

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Related Topics

- simulation_failure
- concurrency_and_parallelism

Related Keywords

simulation_failure

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

concurrency_and_parallelism

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- processors_per_analysis : Specify the number of processors per analysis when Dakota is run in parallel
- analysis_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent analyses when Dakota is run in parallel
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel analysis scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel analysis scheduling

- analysis_servers : Specify the number of analysis servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- asynchronous : Specify analysis driver concurrency, when Dakota is run in serial
- analysis_concurrency : Limit the number of analysis drivers within an evaluation that Dakota will schedule
- evaluation_concurrency : Determine how many concurrent evaluations Dakota will schedule
- local_evaluation_scheduling : Control how local asynchronous jobs are scheduled
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel evaluation scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel evaluation scheduling
- dynamic : Specify dynamic scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.
- static : Specify static scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.
- evaluation_servers : Specify the number of evaluation servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- processors_per_evaluation : Specify the number of processors per evaluation server when Dakota is run in parallel
- iterator_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- iterator_servers : Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- processors_per_iterator : Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel
- iterator_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
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- processors_per_iterator : Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

5.8 methods

Description

Keywords and Concepts relating to the `method` block, including discussion of the different methods and algorithms availabe in Dakota

Related Topics

- parameter_studies
- sensitivity_analysis_and_design_of_experiments
- uncertainty_quantification
- optimization_and_calibration

Related Keywords

5.8.1 parameter_studies

Description

Parameter studies employ deterministic designs to explore the effect of parametric changes within simulation models, yielding one form of sensitivity analysis. They can help assess simulation characteristics such as smoothness, multi-modality, robustness, and nonlinearity, which affect the choice of algorithms and controls in follow-on optimization and UQ studies.

Dakota's parameter study methods compute response data sets at a selection of points in the parameter space. These points may be specified as a vector, a list, a set of centered vectors, or a multi-dimensional grid. Capability overviews and examples of the different types of parameter studies are provided in the Users Manual [4].

With the exception of output verbosity (a setting of `silent` will suppress some parameter study diagnostic output), Dakota's parameter study methods do not make use of the method independent controls. Therefore, the parameter study documentation which follows is limited to the method dependent controls for the vector, list, centered, and multidimensional parameter study methods.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- centered_parameter_study : Samples variables along points moving out from a center point
- list_parameter_study : Samples variables as a specified values
- multidim_parameter_study : Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points
- partitions : Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points
- vector_parameter_study : Samples variables along a user-defined vector

5.8.2 sensitivity_analysis_and_design_of_experiments

Description

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Related Topics

- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments
- sampling

Related Keywords

5.8.3 design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Description

Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments (DACE) methods compute response data sets at a selection of points in the parameter space. Three libraries are provided for performing these studies: DDACE, FSUDace, and PSUADE. The design of experiments methods do not currently make use of any of the method independent controls.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- dace : Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments
- fsu_cvt : Design of Computer Experiments - Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation
- fsu_quasi_mc : Design of Computer Experiments - Quasi-Monte Carlo sampling
- hammersley : Use Hammersley sequences
- psuade_moat : Morris One-at-a-Time

5.8.4 sampling

Description

Sampling techniques are selected using the `sampling` method selection. This method generates sets of samples according to the probability distributions of the uncertain variables and maps them into corresponding sets of response functions, where the number of samples is specified by the `samples` integer specification. Means, standard deviations, coefficients of variation (COVs), and 95% confidence intervals are computed for the response functions. Probabilities and reliabilities may be computed for `response_levels` specifications, and response levels may be computed for either `probability_levels` or `reliability_levels` specifications (refer to the Method Commands chapter in the Dakota Reference Manual[5] for additional information).

Currently, traditional Monte Carlo (MC) and Latin hypercube sampling (LHS) are supported by Dakota and are chosen by specifying `sample_type` as `random` or `lhs`. In Monte Carlo sampling, the samples are selected randomly according to the user-specified probability distributions. Latin hypercube sampling is a stratified sampling technique for which the range of each uncertain variable is divided into N_s segments of equal probability, where N_s is the number of samples requested. The relative lengths of the segments are determined by the nature of the specified probability distribution (e.g., uniform has segments of equal width, normal has small segments near the mean and larger segments in the tails). For each of the uncertain variables, a sample is selected randomly from each of these equal probability segments. These N_s values for each of the individual parameters are then combined in a shuffling operation to create a set of N_s parameter vectors with a specified correlation structure. A feature of the resulting sample set is that *every row and column in the hypercube of partitions has exactly one sample*. Since the total number of samples is exactly equal to the number of partitions used for each uncertain

variable, an arbitrary number of desired samples is easily accommodated (as compared to less flexible approaches in which the total number of samples is a product or exponential function of the number of intervals for each variable, i.e., many classical design of experiments methods).

Advantages of sampling-based methods include their relatively simple implementation and their independence from the scientific disciplines involved in the analysis. The main drawback of these techniques is the large number of function evaluations needed to generate converged statistics, which can render such an analysis computationally very expensive, if not intractable, for real-world engineering applications. LHS techniques, in general, require fewer samples than traditional Monte Carlo for the same accuracy in statistics, but they still can be prohibitively expensive. For further information on the method and its relationship to other sampling techniques, one is referred to the works by McKay, et al.[59], Iman and Shortencarier[53], and Helton and Davis[46]. Note that under certain separability conditions associated with the function to be sampled, Latin hypercube sampling provides a more accurate estimate of the mean value than does random sampling. That is, given an equal number of samples, the LHS estimate of the mean will have less variance than the mean value obtained through random sampling.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- importance_sampling : Importance sampling
- sampling : Randomly samples variables according to their distributions

5.8.5 uncertainty_quantification

Description

Dakota provides a variety of methods for propagating both aleatory and epistemic uncertainty.

At a high level, uncertainty quantification (UQ) or nondeterministic analysis is the process of characterizing input uncertainties, forward propagating these uncertainties through a computational model, and performing statistical or interval assessments on the resulting responses. This process determines the effect of uncertainties and assumptions on model outputs or results. In Dakota, uncertainty quantification methods specifically focus on the forward propagation part of the process, where probabilistic or interval information on parametric inputs are mapped through the computational model to assess statistics or intervals on outputs. For an overview of these approaches for engineering applications, consult[42].

UQ is related to sensitivity analysis in that the common goal is to gain an understanding of how variations in the parameters affect the response functions of the engineering design problem. However, for UQ, some or all of the components of the parameter vector, are considered to be uncertain as specified by particular probability distributions (e.g., normal, exponential, extreme value), or other uncertainty structures. By assigning specific distributional structure to the inputs, distributional structure for the outputs (i.e, response statistics) can be inferred. This migrates from an analysis that is more $\{qualitative\}$ in nature, in the case of sensitivity analysis, to an analysis that is more rigorously $\{quantitative\}$.

UQ methods are often distinguished by their ability to propagate aleatory or epistemic input uncertainty characterizations, where aleatory uncertainties are irreducible variabilities inherent in nature and epistemic uncertainties are reducible uncertainties resulting from a lack of knowledge. Since sufficient data is generally available for aleatory uncertainties, probabilistic methods are commonly used for computing response distribution statistics based on input probability distribution specifications. Conversely, for epistemic uncertainties, any use of probability distributions is based on subjective knowledge rather than objective data, and we may alternatively explore nonprobabilistic methods based on interval specifications.

Dakota contains capabilities for performing nondeterministic analysis with both types of input uncertainty. These UQ methods have been developed by Sandia Labs, in conjunction with collaborators in academia[31],[32],[21],[79].

The aleatory UQ methods in Dakota include various sampling-based approaches (e.g., Monte Carlo and Latin Hypercube sampling), local and global reliability methods, and stochastic expansion (polynomial chaos expansions and stochastic collocation) approaches. The epistemic UQ methods include local and global interval analysis and Dempster-Shafer evidence theory. These are summarized below and then described in more depth in subsequent sections of this chapter. Dakota additionally supports mixed aleatory/epistemic UQ via interval-valued probability, second-order probability, and Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence. These involve advanced model recursions and are described in Section.

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The choice of uncertainty quantification method depends on how the input uncertainty is characterized, the computational budget, and the desired output accuracy. The recommendations for UQ methods are summarized in Tableand are discussed in the remainder of the section.

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Related Topics

- aleatory_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- variable_support

Related Keywords

- adaptive_sampling : (Experimental) Build a GP surrogate and refine it adaptively
- efficient_subspace : (Experimental) efficient subspace method (ESM)
- global_interval_est : Interval analysis using global optimization methods
- global_reliability : Global reliability methods
- gpais : Gaussian Process Adaptive Importance Sampling
- importance_sampling : Importance sampling
- local_interval_est : Interval analysis using local optimization
- local_reliability : Local reliability method
- mpp_search : Specify which MPP search option to use
- pof_darts : Probability-of-Failure (POF) darts is a novel method for estimating the probability of failure based on random sphere-packing.
- rkd_darts : Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts: Recursive Hyperplane Sampling for Numerical Integration of High-Dimensional Functions.
- sampling : Randomly samples variables according to their distributions

5.8.6 aleatory_uncertainty_quantification_methods

Description

Aleatory uncertainty is also known as inherent variability, irreducible uncertainty, or randomness.

Aleatory uncertainty is typically charaterized using probability theory.

Related Topics

- sampling
- reliability_methods
- stochastic_expansion_methods

Related Keywords

- importance_sampling : Importance sampling

sampling

Description

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Currently, traditional Monte Carlo (MC) and Latin hypercube sampling (LHS) are supported by Dakota and are chosen by specifying `sample_type` as `random` or `lhs`. In Monte Carlo sampling, the samples are selected randomly according to the user-specified probability distributions. Latin hypercube sampling is a stratified sampling technique for which the range of each uncertain variable is divided into N_s segments of equal probability, where N_s is the number of samples requested. The relative lengths of the segments are determined by the nature of the specified probability distribution (e.g., uniform has segments of equal width, normal has small segments near the mean and larger segments in the tails). For each of the uncertain variables, a sample is selected randomly from each of these equal probability segments. These N_s values for each of the individual parameters are then combined in a shuffling operation to create a set of N_s parameter vectors with a specified correlation structure. A feature of the resulting sample set is that *every row and column in the hypercube of partitions has exactly one sample*. Since the total number of samples is exactly equal to the number of partitions used for each uncertain variable, an arbitrary number of desired samples is easily accommodated (as compared to less flexible approaches in which the total number of samples is a product or exponential function of the number of intervals for each variable, i.e., many classical design of experiments methods).

Advantages of sampling-based methods include their relatively simple implementation and their independence from the scientific disciplines involved in the analysis. The main drawback of these techniques is the large number of function evaluations needed to generate converged statistics, which can render such an analysis computationally very expensive, if not intractable, for real-world engineering applications. LHS techniques, in general, require fewer samples than traditional Monte Carlo for the same accuracy in statistics, but they still can be prohibitively expensive. For further information on the method and its relationship to other sampling techniques, one is referred to the works by McKay, et al.[59], Iman and Shortencarier[53], and Helton and Davis[46]. Note that under certain

separability conditions associated with the function to be sampled, Latin hypercube sampling provides a more accurate estimate of the mean value than does random sampling. That is, given an equal number of samples, the LHS estimate of the mean will have less variance than the mean value obtained through random sampling.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- importance_sampling : Importance sampling
- sampling : Randomly samples variables according to their distributions

reliability_methods

Description

Reliability methods provide an alternative approach to uncertainty quantification which can be less computationally demanding than sampling techniques. Reliability methods for uncertainty quantification are based on probabilistic approaches that compute approximate response function distribution statistics based on specified uncertain variable distributions. These response statistics include response mean, response standard deviation, and cumulative or complementary cumulative distribution functions (CDF/CCDF). These methods are often more efficient at computing statistics in the tails of the response distributions (events with low probability) than sampling based approaches since the number of samples required to resolve a low probability can be prohibitive.

The methods all answer the fundamental question: "Given a set of uncertain input variables, $\mathbf{X}$, and a scalar response function, g, what is the probability that the response function is below or above a certain level, $\bar{z}$?" The former can be written as $P[g(\mathbf{X}) \leq \bar{z}] = F_g(\bar{z})$ where $F_g(\bar{z})$ is the cumulative distribution function (CDF) of the uncertain response $g(\mathbf{X})$ over a set of response levels. The latter can be written as $P[g(\mathbf{X}) > \bar{z}]$ and defines the complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF).

This probability calculation involves a multi-dimensional integral over an irregularly shaped domain of interest, $\mathbf{D}$, where $g(\mathbf{X}) < z$ as displayed in Figure figUQ05 for the case of two variables. The reliability methods all involve the transformation of the user-specified uncertain variables, $\mathbf{X}$, with probability density function, $p(x_1, x_2)$, which can be non-normal and correlated, to a space of independent Gaussian random variables, $\mathbf{u}$, possessing a mean value of zero and unit variance (i.e., standard normal variables). The region of interest, $\mathbf{D}$, is also mapped to the transformed space to yield, $\mathbf{D_u}$, where $g(\mathbf{U}) < z$ as shown in Figure figUQ06. The Nataf transformation[17], which is identical to the Rosenblatt transformation[72] in the case of independent random variables, is used in Dakota to accomplish this mapping. This transformation is performed to make the probability calculation more tractable. In the transformed space, probability contours are circular in nature as shown in Figure figUQ06 unlike in the original uncertain variable space, Figure figUQ05 . Also, the multi-dimensional integrals can be approximated by simple functions of a single parameter, β, called the reliability index. β is the minimum Euclidean distance from the origin in the transformed space to the response surface. This point is also known as the most probable point (MPP) of failure. Note, however, the methodology is equally applicable for generic functions, not simply those corresponding to failure criteria; this nomenclature is due to the origin of these methods within the disciplines of structural safety and reliability. Note that there are local and global reliability methods. The majority of the methods available are local, meaning that a local optimization formulation is used to locate one MPP. In contrast, global methods can find multiple MPPs if they exist.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- global_reliability : Global reliability methods

- u_gaussian_process : Create GP surrogate in u-space
- x_gaussian_process : Create GP surrogate in x-space
- local_reliability : Local reliability method
- mpp_search : Specify which MPP search option to use
- integration : Integration approach
- first_order : First-order integration scheme
- probability_refinement : Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling
- second_order : Second-order integration scheme
- no_approx : Perform MPP search on original response functions (use no approximation)
- u_taylor_mean : Form Taylor series approximation in "u-space" at variable means
- u_taylor_mpp : U-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates
- u_two_point : Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in "u-space"
- x_taylor_mean : Form Taylor series approximation in "x-space" at variable means
- x_taylor_mpp : X-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates
- x_two_point : Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in "x-space"
- probability_refinement : Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling
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stochastic_expansion_methods

Description

The development of these techniques mirrors that of deterministic finite element analysis utilizing the notions of projection, orthogonality, and weak convergence[31],[32]. Rather than estimating point probabilities, they form an approximation to the functional relationship between response functions and their random inputs, which provides a more complete uncertainty representation for use in multi-code simulations. Expansion methods include polynomial chaos expansions (PCE), which employ multivariate orthogonal polynomials that are tailored to representing particular input probability distributions, and stochastic collocation (SC), which employs multivariate interpolation polynomials. For PCE, expansion coefficients may be evaluated using a spectral projection approach (based on sampling, tensor-product quadrature, Smolyak sparse grid, or cubature methods for numerical integration) or a regression approach (least squares or compressive sensing). For SC, interpolants are formed over tensor-product or sparse grids and may be local or global, value-based or gradient-enhanced, and nodal or hierarchical. In global value-based cases (Lagrange polynomials), the barycentric formulation is used[10],[56],[49] to improve numerical efficiency and stability. Both sets of methods provide analytic response moments and variance-based metrics; however, CDF/CCDF probabilities are evaluated numerically by sampling on the expansion.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.8.7 epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods

Description

Epistemic uncertainty is uncertainty due to lack of knowledge.

In Dakota, epistemic uncertainty analysis is performed using interval analysis or Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

Note that epistemic uncertainty can also be modeled probabilistically. It would be more accurate to call this class of method, non-probabilistic uncertainty quantification, but the name persists for historical reasons.

Related Topics

- interval_estimation
- evidence_theory

Related Keywords

- global_evidence : Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with global optimization methods
- global_interval_est : Interval analysis using global optimization methods
- local_evidence : Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with local optimization methods
- local_interval_est : Interval analysis using local optimization

interval_estimation

Description

In interval analysis, one assumes that nothing is known about an epistemic uncertain variable except that its value lies somewhere within an interval. In this situation, it is NOT assumed that the value has a uniform probability of occuring within the interval. Instead, the interpretation is that any value within the interval is a possible value or a potential realization of that variable. In interval analysis, the uncertainty quantification problem is one of determining the resulting bounds on the output (defining the output interval) given interval bounds on the inputs. Again, any output response that falls within the output interval is a possible output with no frequency information assigned to it.

We have the capability to perform interval analysis using either `global_interval_est` or `local_interval_est`. In the global approach, one uses either a global optimization method or a sampling method to assess the bounds. `global_interval_est` allows the user to specify either `lhs`, which performs Latin Hypercube Sampling and takes the minimum and maximum of the samples as the bounds (no optimization is performed) or `ego`. In the case of `ego`, the efficient global optimization method is used to calculate bounds. The ego method is described in Section . If the problem is amenable to local optimization methods (e.g. can provide derivatives or use finite difference method to calculate derivatives), then one can use local methods to calculate these bounds. `local_interval_est` allows the user to specify either `sqp` which is sequential quadratic programming, or `nip` which is a nonlinear interior point method.

Note that when performing interval analysis, it is necessary to define interval uncertain variables as described in Section . For interval analysis, one must define only one interval per input variable, in contrast with Dempster-Shafer evidence theory, where an input can have several possible intervals. Interval analysis can be considered a

special case of Dempster-Shafer evidence theory where each input is defined by one input interval with a basic probability assignment of one. In Dakota, however, the methods are separate and semantic differences exist in the output presentation. If you are performing a pure interval analysis, we recommend using either `global_interval_est` or `local_interval_est` instead of `global_evidence` or `local_evidence`, for reasons of simplicity. An example of interval estimation is found in the `Dakota/examples/users/cantilever_uq_global_interval.in`, and also in Section .

Note that we have kept separate implementations of interval analysis and Dempster-Shafer evidence theory because our users often want to couple interval analysis on an `outer loop'' with an aleatory, probabilistic analysis on an`inner loop" for nested, second-order probability calculations. See Section for additional details on these nested approaches. These interval methods can also be used as the outer loop within an interval-valued probability analysis for propagating mixed aleatory and epistemic uncertainty – refer to Section for additional details.

Interval analysis is often used to model epistemic uncertainty. In interval analysis, the uncertainty quantification problem is one of determining the resulting bounds on the output (defining the output interval) given interval bounds on the inputs.

We can do interval analysis using either %`global_interval_est` or `local_interval_est`. In the global approach, one uses either a global optimization method or a sampling method to assess the bounds, whereas the local method uses gradient information in a derivative-based optimization approach.

An example of interval estimation is shown in Figure , with example results in Figure . This example is a demonstration of calculating interval bounds for three outputs of the cantilever beam problem. The cantilever beam problem is described in detail in Section . Given input intervals of [1,10] on beam width and beam thickness, we can see that the interval estimate of beam weight is approximately [1,100].

:examples:interval_out

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------------------------------------------------------------------
Min and Max estimated values for each response function:
weight:  Min = 1.0000169352e+00  Max = 9.9999491948e+01
stress:  Min = -9.7749994284e-01  Max = 2.1499428450e+01
displ:  Min = -9.9315672724e-01  Max = 6.7429714485e+01
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```

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- global_interval_est : Interval analysis using global optimization methods
- local_interval_est : Interval analysis using local optimization

evidence_theory

Description

This section discusses Dempster-Shafer evidence theory. In this approach, one does not assign a probability distribution to each uncertain input variable. Rather, one divides each uncertain input variable into one or more intervals. The input parameters are only known to occur within intervals: nothing more is assumed.

Each interval is defined by its upper and lower bounds, and a Basic Probability Assignment (BPA) associated with that interval. The BPA represents a probability of that uncertain variable being located within that interval.

The intervals and BPAs are used to construct uncertainty measures on the outputs called "belief" and "plausibility." Belief represents the smallest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence, while plausibility represents the largest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence. For more information about the Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence, see [66] and[47].

Similar to the interval approaches, one may use global or local methods to determine plausbility and belief measures for the outputs.

Usage Notes

Note that to calculate the plausibility and belief cumulative distribution functions, one has to look at all combinations of intervals for the uncertain variables. Within each interval cell combination, the minimum and maximum value of the objective function determine the belief and plausibility, respectively. In terms of implementation, global methods use LHS sampling or global optimization to calculate the minimum and maximum values of the objective function within each interval cell, while local methods use gradient-based optimization methods to calculate these minima and maxima.

Finally, note that many non-deterministic keywords apply to the evidence methods, but one needs to be careful about the interpretation and translate probabilistic measures to epistemic ones. For example, if the user specifies distribution of type complementary, a complementary plausibility and belief function will be generated for the evidence methods (as opposed to a complementary distribution function in the `sampling` case). If the user specifies a set of responses levels, both the belief and plausibility will be calculated for each response level. Likewise, if the user specifies a probability level, the probability level will be interpreted both as a belief and plausibility, and response levels corresponding to the belief and plausibility levels will be calculated. Finally, if generalized reliability levels are specified, either as inputs (`gen_reliability_levels`) or outputs (`response_levels` with `compute gen_reliabilities`), then these are directly converted to/from probability levels and the same probability-based mappings described above are performed.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- global_evidence : Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with global optimization methods
- local_evidence : Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with local optimization methods

5.8.8 variable_support

Description

Different nondeterministic methods have differing support for uncertain variable distributions. Tables 5.37, 5.38, and 5.39 summarize the uncertain variables that are available for use by the different methods, where a ”-” indicates that the distribution is not supported by the method, a ”U” means the uncertain input variables of this type must be uncorrelated, a ”C” denotes that correlations are supported involving uncertain input variables of this type, and an ”A” means the appropriate variables must be specified as active in the variables specification block. For example, if one wants to support sampling or a stochastic expansion method over both continuous uncertain and continuous state variables, the specification `active all` must be listed in the variables specification block. Additional notes include:

- we have four variants for stochastic expansions (SE), listed as Wiener, Askey, Extended, and Piecewise which draw from different sets of basis polynomials. The term stochastic expansion indicates polynomial chaos and stochastic collocation collectively, although the Piecewise option is only currently supported for stochastic collocation. Refer to polynomial_chaos and stoch_collocation for additional information on these three options.
- methods supporting the epistemic interval distributions have differing approaches: `sampling` and the `lhs` option of `global_interval_est` model the interval basic probability assignments (BPAs) as continuous histogram bin distributions for purposes of generating samples; `local_interval_est` and the `ego` option of `global_interval_est` ignore the BPA details and models these variables as simple bounded

regions defined by the cell extremes; and `local_evidence` and `global_evidence` model the interval specifications as true BPAs.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.8.9 optimization_and_calibration

Description

Optimization algorithms work to minimize (or maximize) an objective function, typically calculated by the user simulation code, subject to constraints on design variables and responses. Available approaches in Dakota include well-tested, proven gradient-based, derivative-free local, and global methods for use in science and engineering design applications. Dakota also offers more advanced algorithms, e.g., to manage multi-objective optimization or perform surrogate-based minimization. This chapter summarizes optimization problem formulation, standard algorithms available in Dakota (mostly through included third-party libraries, see Section 6.5 of[4]), some advanced capabilities, and offers usage guidelines.

Optimization Formulations

This section provides a basic introduction to the mathematical formulation of optimization, problems. The primary goal of this section is to introduce terms relating to these topics, and is not intended to be a description of theory or numerical algorithms. For further details, consult[8] ,[34],[41],[65], and [84].

A general optimization problem is formulated as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimize:} \quad & f(\mathbf{x}) \\ & \mathbf{x} \in \Re^n \\ \text{subject to:} \quad & \mathbf{g}_L \leq \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \mathbf{g}_U \\ & \mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{h}_t \\ & \mathbf{a}_L \leq \mathbf{A}_i\mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{a}_U \\ & \mathbf{A}_e\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{a}_t \\ & \mathbf{x}_L \leq \mathbf{x} \leq \mathbf{x}_U \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

where vector and matrix terms are marked in bold typeface. In this formulation, $\mathbf{x} = [x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]$ is an n-dimensional vector of real-valued *design variables* or *design parameters*. The n-dimensional vectors, $\mathbf{x}_L$ and $\mathbf{x}_U$, are the lower and upper bounds, respectively, on the design parameters. These bounds define the allowable values for the elements of $\mathbf{x}$, and the set of all allowable values is termed the *design space* or the *parameter space*. A *design point* or a *sample point* is a particular set of values within the parameter space.

The optimization goal is to minimize the *objective function*, $f(\mathbf{x})$, while satisfying the constraints. Constraints can be categorized as either linear or nonlinear and as either inequality or equality. The *nonlinear inequality constraints*}, $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$, are "2-sided," in that they have both lower and upper bounds, $\mathbf{g}_L$ and $\mathbf{g}_U$, respectively. The *nonlinear equality constraints*, $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$, have target values specified by $\mathbf{h}_t$. The linear inequality constraints create a linear system $\mathbf{A}_i\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{A}_i$ is the coefficient matrix for the linear system. These constraints are also 2-sided as they have lower and upper bounds, $\mathbf{a}_L$ and $\mathbf{a}_U$, respectively. The linear equality constraints create a linear system $\mathbf{A}_e\mathbf{x}$, where $\mathbf{A}_e$ is the coefficient matrix for the linear system and $\mathbf{a}_t$ are the target values. The constraints partition the parameter space into feasible and infeasible regions. A design point is said to be *feasible* if and only

if it satisfies all of the constraints. Correspondingly, a design point is said to be *infeasible* if it violates one or more of the constraints.

Many different methods exist to solve the optimization problem given in Section 6.1 of[4], all of which iterate on $\mathbf{x}$ in some manner. That is, an initial value for each parameter in $\mathbf{x}$ is chosen, the *response quantities*, $f(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x})$, $\mathbf{h}(\mathbf{x})$, are computed, often by running a simulation, and some algorithm is applied to generate a new $\mathbf{x}$ that will either reduce the objective function, reduce the amount of infeasibility, or both. To facilitate a general presentation of these methods, three criteria will be used in the following discussion to differentiate them: optimization problem type, search goal, and search method.

The **optimization problem type** can be characterized both by the types of constraints present in the problem and by the linearity or nonlinearity of the objective and constraint functions. For constraint categorization, a hierarchy of complexity exists for optimization algorithms, ranging from simple bound constraints, through linear constraints, to full nonlinear constraints. By the nature of this increasing complexity, optimization problem categorizations are inclusive of all constraint types up to a particular level of complexity. That is, an *unconstrained problem* has no constraints, a *bound-constrained problem* has only lower and upper bounds on the design parameters, a *linearly-constrained problem* has both linear and bound constraints, and a *nonlinearly-constrained problem* may contain the full range of nonlinear, linear, and bound constraints. If all of the linear and nonlinear constraints are equality constraints, then this is referred to as an *equality-constrained problem*, and if all of the linear and nonlinear constraints are inequality constraints, then this is referred to as an *inequality-constrained problem*. Further categorizations can be made based on the linearity of the objective and constraint functions. A problem where the objective function and all constraints are linear is called a *linear programming (LP) problem*. These types of problems commonly arise in scheduling, logistics, and resource allocation applications. Likewise, a problem where at least some of the objective and constraint functions are nonlinear is called a *nonlinear programming (NLP) problem*. These NLP problems predominate in engineering applications and are the primary focus of Dakota.

The **search goal** refers to the ultimate objective of the optimization algorithm, i.e., either global or local optimization. In *global optimization*, the goal is to find the design point that gives the lowest feasible objective function value over the entire parameter space. In contrast, in *local optimization*, the goal is to find a design point that is lowest relative to a "nearby" region of the parameter space. In almost all cases, global optimization will be more computationally expensive than local optimization. Thus, the user must choose an optimization algorithm with an appropriate search scope that best fits the problem goals and the computational budget.

The **search method** refers to the approach taken in the optimization algorithm to locate a new design point that has a lower objective function or is more feasible than the current design point. The search method can be classified as either *gradient-based* or *nongradient-based*. In a gradient-based algorithm, gradients of the response functions are computed to find the direction of improvement. Gradient-based optimization is the search method that underlies many efficient local optimization methods. However, a drawback to this approach is that gradients can be computationally expensive, inaccurate, or even nonexistent. In such situations, nongradient-based search methods may be useful. There are numerous approaches to nongradient-based optimization. Some of the more well known of these include pattern search methods (nongradient-based local techniques) and genetic algorithms (nongradient-based global techniques).

Because of the computational cost of running simulation models, surrogate-based optimization (SBO) methods are often used to reduce the number of actual simulation runs. In SBO, a surrogate or approximate model is constructed based on a limited number of simulation runs. The optimization is then performed on the surrogate model. Dakota has an extensive framework for managing a variety of local, multipoint, global, and hierarchical surrogates for use in optimization. Finally, sometimes there are multiple objectives that one may want to optimize simultaneously instead of a single scalar objective. In this case, one may employ multi-objective methods that are described in Section 6.3.1 of[4].

This overview of optimization approaches underscores that no single optimization method or algorithm works best for all types of optimization problems. Section 6.4 of[4] offers guidelines for choosing a Dakota optimization algorithm best matched to your specific optimization problem.

Constraint Considerations Dakota's input commands permit the user to specify two-sided nonlinear inequality constraints of the form $g_{L_i} \leq g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq g_{U_i}$, as well as nonlinear equality constraints of the form $h_j(\mathbf{x}) = h_{t_j}$. Some optimizers (e.g., `npsol_`, `optpp_`, `soga`, and `moga` methods) can handle these constraint forms directly, whereas other optimizers (e.g., `asynch_pattern_search`, `dot_`, and `conmin_`, `mesh_adaptive_search`) require Dakota to perform an internal conversion of all constraints to one-sided inequality constraints of the form $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$. In the latter case, the two-sided inequality constraints are treated as $g_i(\mathbf{x}) - g_{U_i} \leq 0$ and $g_{L_i} - g_i(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$ and the equality constraints are treated as $h_j(\mathbf{x}) - h_{t_j} \leq 0$ and $h_{t_j} - h_j(\mathbf{x}) \leq 0$. The situation is similar for linear constraints: `asynch_pattern_search`, `npsol_`, `optpp_`, `soga`, and `moga` methods support them directly, whereas `dot_` and `conmin_` methods do not. For linear inequalities of the form $a_{L_i} \leq \mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} \leq a_{U_i}$ and linear equalities of the form $\mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} = a_{t_j}$, the nonlinear constraint arrays in `dot_` and `conmin_` methods are further augmented to include $\mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} - a_{U_i} \leq 0$ and $a_{L_i} - \mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} \leq 0$ in the inequality case and $\mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} - a_{t_j} \leq 0$ and $a_{t_j} - \mathbf{a}_i^T\mathbf{x} \leq 0$ in the equality case. Awareness of these constraint augmentation procedures can be important for understanding the diagnostic data returned from the `dot_` and `conmin_` methods. Other optimizers fall somewhere in between. `nlpql_` methods support nonlinear equality constraints $h_j(\mathbf{x}) = 0$ and nonlinear one-sided inequalities $g_i(\mathbf{x}) \geq 0$, but does not natively support linear constraints. Constraint mappings are used with NLPQL for both linear and nonlinear cases. Most `coliny_` methods now support two-sided nonlinear inequality constraints and nonlinear constraints with targets, but do not natively support linear constraints.

When gradient and Hessian information is used in the optimization, derivative components are most commonly computed with respect to the active continuous variables, which in this case are the *continuous design variables*. This differs from parameter study methods (for which all continuous variables are active) and from nondeterministic analysis methods (for which the uncertain variables are active). Refer to Chapter 11 of[4] for additional information on derivative components and active continuous variables.

Optimizing with Dakota: Choosing a Method

This section summarizes the optimization methods available in Dakota. We group them according to search method and search goal and establish their relevance to types of problems. For a summary of this discussion, see Section 6.4 of[4].

Gradient-Based Local Methods Gradient-based optimizers are best suited for efficient navigation to a local minimum in the vicinity of the initial point. They are not intended to find global optima in nonconvex design spaces. For global optimization methods, see Section 6.2.3 of[4]. Gradient-based optimization methods are highly efficient, with the best convergence rates of all of the local optimization methods, and are the methods of choice when the problem is smooth, unimodal, and well-behaved. However, these methods can be among the least robust when a problem exhibits nonsmooth, discontinuous, or multimodal behavior. The derivative-free methods described in Section 6.2.2 of[4] are more appropriate for problems with these characteristics.

Gradient accuracy is a critical factor for gradient-based optimizers, as inaccurate derivatives will often lead to failures in the search or pre-mature termination of the method. Analytic gradients and Hessians are ideal but often unavailable. If analytic gradient and Hessian information can be provided by an application code, a full Newton method will achieve quadratic convergence rates near the solution. If only gradient information is available and the Hessian information is approximated from an accumulation of gradient data, the superlinear convergence rates can be obtained. It is most often the case for engineering applications, however, that a finite difference method will be used by the optimization algorithm to estimate gradient values. Dakota allows the user to select the step size for these calculations, as well as choose between forward-difference and central-difference algorithms. The finite difference step size should be selected as small as possible, to allow for local accuracy and convergence, but not so small that the steps are "in the noise." This requires an assessment of the local smoothness of the response functions using, for example, a parameter study method. Central differencing will generally produce more reliable gradients than forward differencing but at roughly twice the expense.

Gradient-based methods for nonlinear optimization problems can be described as iterative processes in which a sequence of subproblems, usually which involve an approximation to the full nonlinear problem, are solved until the solution converges to a local optimum of the full problem. The optimization methods available in Dakota fall into several categories, each of which is characterized by the nature of the subproblems solved at each iteration.

Related Topics

- local_optimization_methods
- global_optimization_methods
- bayesian_calibration
- nonlinear_least_squares
- advanced_optimization

Related Keywords

- dl_solver : (Experimental) Dynamically-loaded solver

5.8.10 local_optimization_methods

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Related Topics

- unconstrained
- constrained
- sequential_quadratic_programming

Related Keywords

- coliny_cobyla : Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)
- nlpql_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program
- nonlinear_cg : (Experimental) nonlinear conjugate gradient optimization
- npsol_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program
- optpp_cg : A conjugate gradient optimization method
- optpp_fd_newton : Finite Difference Newton optimization method
- optpp_g_newton : Newton method based least-squares calbration
- optpp_newton : Newton method based optimization
- optpp_q_newton : Quasi-Newton optimization method

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- coliny_cobyla : Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)

sequential_quadratic_programming

Description

Sequential Quadratic Programming (SQP) algorithms are a class of mathematical programming problems used to solve nonlinear optimization problems with nonlinera constraints. These methods are a generalization of Newton's method: each iteration involves minimizing a quadratic model of the problem. These subproblems are formulated as minimizing a quadratic approximation of the Lagrangian subject to linearized constraints. Only gradient information is required; Hessians are approximated by low-rank updates defined by the step taken at each iteration. It is important to note that while the solution found by an SQP method will respect the constraints, the intermediate iterates may not. SQP methods available in Dakota are `dot_sqp`, `nlpql_sqp`, `nlssol_sqp`, and `npsol_sqp`. The particular implementation in `nlpql_sqp` uses a variant with distributed and non-monotone line search. Thus, this variant is designed to be more robust in the presence of inaccurate or noisy gradients common in many engineering applications.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- nlpql_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program
- nlssol_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program for nonlinear least squares
- npsol_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program

5.8.11 global_optimization_methods

Description

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- asynch_pattern_search : Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
- coliny_direct : DIviding RECTangles method
- coliny_ea : Evolutionary Algorithm
- coliny_pattern_search : Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
- efficient_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO
- ncsu_direct : DIviding RECTangles method
- soga : Single-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)

5.8.12 bayesian_calibration

Description

See the discussion of Bayesian Calibration in the Dakota User's Manual [4].

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- bayes_calibration : Bayesian calibration
- dream : DREAM (DiffeRential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis)
- chains : Number of chains in DREAM
- crossover_chain_pairs : Number of chains used in crossover.
- gr_threshold : Convergence tolerance for the Gelman-Rubin statistic
- jump_step : Number of generations a long jump step is taken
- num_cr : Number of candidate points for each crossover.
- gpmsa : (Experimental) Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis (GPMSA) Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm with Gaussian Process Surrogate
- adaptive_metropolis : Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm
- delayed_rejection : Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm
- dram : Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm
- metropolis_hastings : Use the Metropolis-Hastings MCMC algorithm
- multilevel : Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.
- proposal_covariance : Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.
- derivatives : Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.

- prior : Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.
- queso : Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms from the QUESO package
- adaptive_metropolis : Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm
- delayed_rejection : Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm
- dram : Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm
- metropolis_hastings : Use the Metropolis-Hastings MCMC algorithm
- multilevel : Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.
- proposal_covariance : Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.
- derivatives : Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.
- prior : Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.

5.8.13 nonlinear_least_squares

Description

Dakota's least squares branch currently contains three methods for solving nonlinear least squares problems:

- NL2SOL, a trust-region method that adaptively chooses between two Hessian approximations (Gauss--Newton and Gauss-Newton plus a quasi-Newton approximation to the rest of the Hessian)
- NLSSOL, a sequential quadratic programming (SQP) approach that is from the same algorithm family as NPSOL
- Gauss-Newton, which supplies the Gauss-Newton Hessian approximation to the full-Newton optimizers from OPT++.

The important difference of these algorithms from general-purpose optimization methods is that the response set is defined by calibration terms (e.g. separate terms for each residual), rather than an objective function. Thus, a finer granularity of data is used by least squares solvers as compared to that used by optimizers. This allows the exploitation of the special structure provided by a sum of squares objective function.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- nl2sol : Trust-region method for nonlinear least squares
- nlssol_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program for nonlinear least squares

5.8.14 advanced_optimization

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Related Topics

- scaling
- multiobjective_methods
- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

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surrogate_based_optimization_methods

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- efficient_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO
- surrogate_based_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization
- surrogate_based_local : Local Surrogate Based Optimization

5.9 advanced_topics

Description

Advanced Dakota capabilities

Related Topics

- advanced_strategies
- advanced_model_recursion
- advanced_simulation_interfaces
- advanced_optimization

Related Keywords

5.9.1 advanced_strategies

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

5.9.2 advanced_model_recursion

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Related Topics

- hybrid_and_recursions_logic

Related Keywords

hybrid_and_recursions_logic

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Related Keywords

5.9.3 advanced_simulation_interfaces

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Related Topics

- simulation_failure
- concurrency_and_parallelism

Related Keywords

simulation_failure

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

concurrency_and_parallelism

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- processors_per_analysis : Specify the number of processors per analysis when Dakota is run in parallel
- analysis_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent analyses when Dakota is run in parallel
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel analysis scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel analysis scheduling
- analysis_servers : Specify the number of analysis servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- asynchronous : Specify analysis driver concurrency, when Dakota is run in serial
- analysis_concurrency : Limit the number of analysis drivers within an evaluation that Dakota will schedule
- evaluation_concurrency : Determine how many concurrent evaluations Dakota will schedule
- local_evaluation_scheduling : Control how local asynchronous jobs are scheduled
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel evaluation scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel evaluation scheduling
- dynamic : Specify dynamic scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.
- static : Specify static scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.
- evaluation_servers : Specify the number of evaluation servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- processors_per_evaluation : Specify the number of processors per evaluation server when Dakota is run in parallel
- iterator_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

- iterator_servers : Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- processors_per_iterator : Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel
- iterator_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
- master : Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- iterator_servers : Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
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- iterator_scheduling : Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
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- peer : Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling
- iterator_servers : Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
- processors_per_iterator : Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

5.9.4 advanced_optimization

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Related Topics

- scaling
- multiobjective_methods
- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

Related Keywords

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Related Topics

Related Keywords

- efficient_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO
- surrogate_based_global : Global Surrogate Based Optimization
- surrogate_based_local : Local Surrogate Based Optimization

5.10 packages

Description

This topic organizes information about the different software packages (libraries) that are integrated into Dakota

Related Topics

- package_coliny
- package_conmin
- package_ddace
- package_dot
- package_fsudace
- package_hopspack
- package_jega
- package_nlpql
- package_npsol

- package_optpp
- package_psuade
- package_queso
- package_scolib

Related Keywords

5.10.1 package_coliny

Description

SCOLIB (formerly known as COLINY) is a collection of nongradient-based optimizers that support the Common Optimization Library INterface (COLIN). SCOLIB optimizers currently include `coliny_cobyla`, `coliny_direct`, `coliny_ea`, `coliny_pattern_search` and `coliny_solis_wets`. (Yes, the input spec still has "coliny" prepended to the method name.) Additional SCOLIB information is available from https://software.sandia.gov/trac/acro.

SCOLIB solvers now support bound constraints and general nonlinear constraints. Supported nonlinear constraints include both equality and two-sided inequality constraints. SCOLIB solvers do not yet support linear constraints. Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. Specific exceptions to this method for handling constraint violations are noted below. (The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.)

The method independent controls for `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` limit the number of major iterations and the number of function evaluations that can be performed during a SCOLIB optimization, respectively. The `convergence_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on relative change in the objective function that indicates convergence. The `output` verbosity specification controls the amount of information generated by SCOLIB: the `silent`, `quiet`, and `normal` settings correspond to minimal reporting from SCOLIB, whereas the `verbose` setting corresponds to a higher level of information, and `debug` outputs method initialization and a variety of internal SCOLIB diagnostics. The majority of SCOLIB's methods perform independent function evaluations that can directly take advantage of Dakota's parallel capabilities. Only `coliny_solis_wets`, `coliny_cobyla`, and certain configurations of `coliny_pattern_search` are inherently serial. The parallel methods automatically utilize parallel logic when the Dakota configuration supports parallelism. Lastly, neither `speculative` gradients nor linear constraints are currently supported with SCOLIB.

Some SCOLIB methods exploit parallelism through the use of Dakota's concurrent function evaluations. The nature of the algorithms, however, limits the amount of concurrency that can be exploited. The maximum amount of evaluation concurrency that can be leveraged by the various methods is as follows:

- COBYLA: one
- DIRECT: twice the number of variables
- Evolutionary Algorithms: size of the population
- Pattern Search: size of the search pattern
- Solis-Wets: one

All SCOLIB methods support the show_misc_options optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The misc_options optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

Each of the SCOLIB methods supports the solution_target control, which defines a convergence criterion in which the optimizer will terminate if it finds an objective function value lower than the specified target.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- coliny_beta : (Experimental) Coliny beta solver
- coliny_cobyla : Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)
- coliny_direct : DIviding RECTangles method
- coliny_ea : Evolutionary Algorithm
- coliny_pattern_search : Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
- coliny_solis_wets : Simple greedy local search method

5.10.2 package_conmin

Description

The CONMIN library[83] is a public domain library of nonlinear programming optimizers, specifically the Fletcher-Reeves conjugate gradient (Dakota's conmin_frcg method) method for unconstrained optimization, and the method of feasible directions (Dakota's conmin_mfd method) for constrained optimization. As CONMIN was a predecessor to the DOT commercial library, the algorithm controls are very similar.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- conmin : Access to methods in the CONMIN library
- frcg : A conjugate gradient optimization method
- mfd : Method of feasible directions

5.10.3 package_ddace

Description

The Distributed Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments (DDACE) library provides the following DACE techniques: grid sampling (grid), pure random sampling (random), orthogonal array sampling (oas),

latin hypercube sampling (lhs), orthogonal array latin hypercube sampling (oa_lhs), Box-Behnken (box_behnken), and central composite design (central_composite).

It is worth noting that there is some overlap in sampling techniques with those available from the nondeterministic branch. The current distinction is that the nondeterministic branch methods are designed to sample within a variety of probability distributions for uncertain variables, whereas the design of experiments methods treat all variables as having uniform distributions. As such, the design of experiments methods are well-suited for performing parametric studies and for generating data sets used in building global approximations, but are not currently suited for assessing the effect of uncertainties characterized with probability distribution. If a design of experiments over both design/state variables (treated as uniform) and uncertain variables (with probability distributions) is desired, then sampling can support this with active all specified in the Variables specification block.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- dace : Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments

5.10.4 package_dot

Description

The DOT library [85] contains nonlinear programming optimizers, specifically the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb--Shanno (Dakota's dot_bfgs method) and Fletcher-Reeves conjugate gradient (Dakota's dot_frcg method) methods for unconstrained optimization, and the modified method of feasible directions (Dakota's dot_mmfd method), sequential linear programming (Dakota's dot_slp method), and sequential quadratic programming (Dakota's dot_sqp method) methods for constrained optimization.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- dot : Access to methods in the DOT package
- bfgs : A conjugate gradient optimization method
- frcg : A conjugate gradient optimization method
- mmfd : Method of feasible directions
- slp : Sequential Linear Programming
- sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program

5.10.5 package_fsudace

Description

The Florida State University Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments (FSUDace) library provides the following DACE techniques: quasi-Monte Carlo sampling (fsu_quasi_mc) based on the Halton sequence (halton) or the Hammersley sequence (hammersley), and Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation (fsu_cvt).

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- quality_metrics : Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples
- fsu_cvt : Design of Computer Experiments - Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation
- quality_metrics : Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples
- halton : Generate samples from a Halton sequence
- fsu_quasi_mc : Design of Computer Experiments - Quasi-Monte Carlo sampling
- halton : Generate samples from a Halton sequence
- hammersley : Use Hammersley sequences
- quality_metrics : Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples

5.10.6 package_hopspack

Description

The HOPSPACK software [69] contains the asynchronous parallel pattern search (APPS) algorithm [37]. It can handle unconstrained problems as well as those with bound constraints, linear constraints, and general nonlinear constraints.

HOPSPACK is available to the public under the GNU LGPL and the source code is included with Dakota. HOPSPACK-specific software documentation is available from `https://software.sandia.gov/trac/hopspack`.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- asynch_pattern_search : Pattern search, derivative free optimization method

5.10.7 package_jega

Description

The JEGA library[19] contains two global optimization methods. The first is a Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm (MOGA) which performs Pareto optimization. The second is a Single-objective Genetic Algorithm (SOGA) which performs optimization on a single objective function. Both methods support general constraints and a mixture of real and discrete variables. The JEGA library was written by John Eddy, currently a member of the technical staff in the System Readiness and Sustainment Technologies department at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque. These algorithms are accessed as `moga` and `soga` within Dakota.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- moga : Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)
- soga : Single-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)

5.10.8 package_nlpql

Description

The NLPQL library is a commercially-licensed library containing a sequential quadratic programming (SQP) optimizer, specified as Dakota's `nlpql_sqp` method, for constrained optimization. The particular implementation used is NLPQLP [74], a variant with distributed and non-monotone line search.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- nlpql_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program

5.10.9 package_npsol

Description

The NPSOL library[33] contains a sequential quadratic programming (SQP) implementation (the `npsol_sqp` method). SQP is a nonlinear programming optimizer for constrained minimization.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- npsol_sqp : Sequential Quadratic Program

5.10.10 package_optpp

Description

The OPT++ library[60] contains primarily gradient-based nonlinear programming optimizers for unconstrained, bound-constrained, and nonlinearly constrained minimization: Polak-Ribiere conjugate gradient (Dakota's `optpp_cg` method), quasi-Newton (Dakota's `optpp_q_newton` method), finite difference Newton (Dakota's `optpp_fd_newton` method), and full Newton (Dakota's `optpp_newton` method).

The conjugate gradient method is strictly unconstrained, and each of the Newton-based methods are automatically bound to the appropriate OPT++ algorithm based on the user constraint specification (unconstrained, bound-constrained, or generally-constrained). In the generally-constrained case, the Newton methods use a nonlinear interior-point approach to manage the constraints. The library also contains a direct search algorithm, PDS (parallel direct search, Dakota's `optpp_pds` method), which supports bound constraints.

Controls

1. `max_iterations`
2. `max_function_evaluations`
3. `convergence_tolerance`
4. `output`
5. `speculative`

Concurrency

OPT++'s gradient-based methods are not parallel algorithms and cannot directly take advantage of concurrent function evaluations. However, if `numerical_gradients` with `method_source dakota` is specified, a parallel Dakota configuration can utilize concurrent evaluations for the finite difference gradient computations.

Constraints

Linear constraint specifications are supported by each of the Newton methods (`optpp_newton`, `optpp_q_newton`, `optpp_fd_newton`, and `optpp_g_newton`)

`optpp_cg` must be unconstrained

`optpp_pds` can be, at most, bound-constrained.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- optpp_cg : A conjugate gradient optimization method
- optpp_fd_newton : Finite Difference Newton optimization method
- optpp_g_newton : Newton method based least-squares calbration
- optpp_newton : Newton method based optimization
- optpp_pds : Simplex-based derivative free optimization method
- optpp_q_newton : Quasi-Newton optimization method

5.10.11 package_psuade

Description

The Problem Solving Environment for Uncertainty Analysis and Design Exploration (PSUADE) is a Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory tool for metamodeling, sensitivity analysis, uncertainty quantification, and optimization. Its features include non-intrusive and parallel function evaluations, sampling and analysis methods, an integrated design and analysis framework, global optimization, numerical integration, response surfaces (MARS and higher order regressions), graphical output with Pgplot or Matlab, and fault tolerance [81].

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- psuade_moat : Morris One-at-a-Time

5.10.12 package_queso

Description

QUESO stands for Quantification of Uncertainty for Estimation, Simulation, and Optimization. It supports Bayesian calibration methods. It is developed at The University of Texas at Austin.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- bayes_calibration : Bayesian calibration
- gpmsa : (Experimental) Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis (GPMSA) Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm with Gaussian Process Surrogate
- queso : Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms from the QUESO package

5.10.13 package_scolib

Description

SCOLIB (formerly known as COLINY) is a collection of nongradient-based optimizers that support the Common Optimization Library INterface (COLIN). SCOLIB optimizers currently include `coliny_cobyla`, `coliny_direct`, `coliny_ea`, `coliny_pattern_search` and `coliny_solis_wets`. (Yes, the input spec still has "coliny" prepended to the method name.) Additional SCOLIB information is available from https://software.sandia.gov/trac/acro.

SCOLIB solvers now support bound constraints and general nonlinear constraints. Supported nonlinear constraints include both equality and two-sided inequality constraints. SCOLIB solvers do not yet support linear constraints. Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. Specific exceptions to this method for handling constraint violations are noted below. (The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.)

The method independent controls for `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` limit the number of major iterations and the number of function evaluations that can be performed during a SCOLIB optimization, respectively. The `convergence_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on relative change in the objective function that indicates convergence. The `output` verbosity specification controls the amount of information generated by SCOLIB: the `silent`, `quiet`, and `normal` settings correspond to minimal reporting from SCOLIB, whereas the `verbose` setting corresponds to a higher level of information, and `debug` outputs method initialization and a variety of internal SCOLIB diagnostics. The majority of SCOLIB's methods perform independent function evaluations that can directly take advantage of Dakota's parallel capabilities. Only `coliny_solis_wets`, `coliny_cobyla`, and certain configurations of `coliny_pattern_search` are inherently serial. The parallel methods automatically utilize parallel logic when the Dakota configuration supports parallelism. Lastly, neither `speculative` gradients nor linear constraints are currently supported with SCOLIB.

Some SCOLIB methods exploit parallelism through the use of Dakota's concurrent function evaluations. The nature of the algorithms, however, limits the amount of concurrency that can be exploited. The maximum amount of evaluation concurrency that can be leveraged by the various methods is as follows:

- COBYLA: one
- DIRECT: twice the number of variables
- Evolutionary Algorithms: size of the population
- Pattern Search: size of the search pattern
- Solis-Wets: one

All SCOLIB methods support the show_misc_options optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The misc_options optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

Each of the SCOLIB methods supports the solution_target control, which defines a convergence criterion in which the optimizer will terminate if it finds an objective function value lower than the specified target.

Related Topics

Related Keywords

- coliny_beta : (Experimental) Coliny beta solver
- coliny_cobyla : Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)
- coliny_direct : DIviding RECTangles method
- coliny_ea : Evolutionary Algorithm
- coliny_pattern_search : Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
- coliny_solis_wets : Simple greedy local search method

Distribution Type	**Sampling**	**Local Reliability**	**Global Reliability**	**Wiener SE**	**Askey SE**	**Extended SE**	**Piecewise SE**	**Local Interval**	**Global Interval**	**Local Evidence**	**Global Evidence**
Normal	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	-	-	-	-
Bounded Normal	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Lognormal	C	C	C	C	C	U	-	-	-	-	-
Bounded Lognormal	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Uniform	C	C	C	C	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Loguniform	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Triangular	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Exponential	C	C	C	C	U	U	-	-	-	-	-
Beta	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-
Gamma	C	C	C	C	U	U	-	-	-	-	-
Gumbel	C	C	C	C	C	U	-	-	-	-	-
Frechet	C	C	C	C	C	U	-	-	-	-	-
Weibull	C	C	C	C	C	U	-	-	-	-	-
Continuous Histogram Bin	C	U	U	U	U	U	U	-	-	-	-

Table 5.1: Summary of Distribution Types supported by Nondeterministic Methods, Part I (Continuous Aleatory Types)

Distribution Type	**Sampling**	**Local Reliability**	**Global Reliability**	**Wiener SE**	**Askey SE**	**Extended SE**	**Piecewise SE**	**Local Interval**	**Global Interval**	**Local Evidence**	**Global Evidence**
Poisson	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Binomial	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Negative Binomial	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Geometric	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hypergeometric	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Discrete Histogram Point	C	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5.2: Summary of Distribution Types supported by Nondeterministic Methods, Part II (Discrete Aleatory Types)

Distribution Type	**Sampling**	**Local Reliability**	**Global Reliability**	**Wiener SE**	**Askey SE**	**Extended SE**	**Piecewise SE**	**Local Interval**	**Global Interval**	**Local Evidence**	**Global Evidence**
Interval	U	-	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	U	U	U	U
Continuous Design	U,A	-	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	-	-	-	-
Discrete Design Range, Int Set, Real Set	U,A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Continuous State	U,A	-	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	U,A	-	-	-	-
Discrete State Range, Int Set, Real Set	U,A	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Table 5.3: Summary of Distribution Types supported by Nondeterministic Methods, Part III (Epistemic, Design, and State Types)

Chapter 6

Keywords Area

This page lists the six blocks. From here, you can navigate to every keyword.

- environment
- method
- model
- variables
- interface
- responses

Introduction to Dakota Keywords

In Dakota, the *environment* manages execution modes and I/O streams and defines the top-level iterator. Generally speaking, an iterator contains a model and a model contains a set of *variables*, an *interface*, and a set of *responses*. An iterator repeatedly operates on the model to map the variables into responses using the interface. Each of these six components (environment, method, model, variables, interface, and responses) are separate specifications in the user's input file, and as a whole, determine the study to be performed during an execution of the Dakota software.

A Dakota execution is limited to a single environment, but may involve multiple methods and multiple models. In particular, advanced iterators (i.e., meta- and component-based iterators) and advanced models (i.e., nested and surrogate models) may specialize to include recursions with additional sub-iterators and sub-models. Since each model may contain its own variables, interface, and responses, there may be multiple specifications of the method, model, variables, interface, and responses sections.

Keyword Pages

Every Dakota keyword has its own page in this manual. The page describes:

- Whether the keyword takes `ARGUMENTS`, and the data type Additional notes about `ARGUMENTS` can be found here: Specifying Arguments.
- Whether it has an `ALIAS`
- Which additional keywords can be specified to change its behavior
- Which of these additional keywords are required or optional
- Additional information about how to use the keyword in an input file

6.1 environment

- Keywords Area
- environment

Top-level settings for Dakota execution

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no environment

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		check	Invoke Dakota in input check mode
	Optional		output_file	Base filename for output redirection
	Optional		error_file	Base filename for error redirection
	Optional		read_restart	Base filename for restart file read
	Optional		write_restart	Base filename for restart file write
	Optional		pre_run	Invoke Dakota with pre-run mode active
	Optional		run	Invoke Dakota with run mode active

	Optional	post_run	Invoke Dakota with post-run mode active
	Optional	graphics	Display a 2D graphics window of variables and responses
	Optional	tabular_data	Write a tabular results file with variable and response history
	Optional	output_precision	Control the output precision
	Optional	results_output	(Experimental) Write a summary file containing the final results
	Optional	top_method_pointer	Identify which method leads the Dakota study

Description

The environment section in a Dakota input file is optional. It specifies the top-level solution environment, optionally including run modes, output controls, and identification of the primary iterative method (`top_method_pointer`). The output-related keywords address graphics, generation of tabular and results data, and precision of numerical output.

Run Mode Defaults

Dakota run phases include `check`, `pre_run`, `run`, and `post_run`. The default behavior is to `pre_run`, `run`, and `post_run`, though any or all of these may be specified to select specific run phases. Specifying `check` will cause Dakota to exit before any selected run modes.

6.1.1 check

- Keywords Area
- environment
- check

Invoke Dakota in input check mode

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no check; proceed to run

Description

When specified, Dakota input will be parsed and the problem instantiated. Dakota will exit reporting whether any errors were found.

6.1.2 output_file

- Keywords Area
- environment
- output_file

Base filename for output redirection

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO
- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: output to console, not file

Description

Specify a base filename to which Dakota output will be directed. Output will (necessarily) be redirected after the input file is parsed. This option is overridden by any command-line -output option.
Default Behavior
Output to console (screen).

6.1.3 error_file

- Keywords Area
- environment
- error_file

Base filename for error redirection

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO
- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: errors to console, not file

Description

Specify a base filename to which Dakota errors will be directed. Errors will (necessarily) be redirected after the input file is parsed. This option is overridden by any command-line -error option.

Default Behavior
Errors to console (screen).

6.1.4 read_restart

- Keywords Area
- environment
- read_restart

Base filename for restart file read

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO
- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no restart read

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		stop_restart	Evaluation ID number at which to stop reading restart file

Description

Specify a base filename for the restart file Dakota should read. This option is overridden by any command-line -read_restart option.

Default Behavior
No restart file is read.

stop_restart

- Keywords Area
- environment
- read_restart
- stop_restart

Evaluation ID number at which to stop reading restart file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: read all records

Description

This option is overridden by any command-line -stop_restart option.

6.1.5 write_restart

- Keywords Area
- environment
- write_restart

Base filename for restart file write

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO
- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: dakota.rst

Description

Specify a base filename for the restart file Dakota should write. This option is overridden by any command-line -write_restart option.

6.1.6 pre_run

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run

Invoke Dakota with pre-run mode active

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: pre-run, run, post-run all executed

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		input	Base filename for pre-run mode data input
	Optional		output	Base filename for pre-run mode data output

Description

When specified, Dakota execution will include the pre-run mode, which sets up methods and often generates parameter sets to evaluate. This mode is currently useful for parameter study, DACE, and Monte Carlo sampling methods.

Default Behavior
When no run modes are specified, Dakota will perform pre-run, run, and post-run phases.

input

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- input

Base filename for pre-run mode data input

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no pre-run specific input read

Description

(For future expansion; not currently used by any methods.) Specify a base filename from which Dakota will read any pre-run input data. This option is overridden by any command-line -pre_run arguments.

output

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output

Base filename for pre-run mode data output

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no pre-run specific output written

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

Specify a base filename to which Dakota will write any pre-run output data (typically parameter sets to be evaluated). This option is overridden by any command-line -pre_run arguments.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.00019964048 57   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.00020036048 63   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- environment
- pre_run
- output
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

6.1.7 run

- Keywords Area
- environment
- run

Invoke Dakota with run mode active

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: pre-run, run, post-run all executed

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		input	Base filename for run mode data input
	Optional		output	Base filename for run mode data output

Description

When specified, Dakota execution will include the run mode, which invokes interfaces to map parameters to responses.

Default Behavior

When no run modes are specified, Dakota will perform pre-run, run, and post-run phases.

input

- Keywords Area
- environment
- run
- input

Base filename for run mode data input

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no run specific input read

Description

(For future expansion; not currently used by any methods.) Specify a base filename from which Dakota will read any run input data, such as parameter sets to evaluate. This option is overridden by any command-line -run arguments.

output

- Keywords Area
- environment
- run
- output

Base filename for run mode data output

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no run specific output written

Description

(For future expansion; not currently used by any methods.) Specify a base filename to which Dakota will write any run output data (typically parameter, response pairs). This option is overridden by any command-line -run arguments.

6.1.8 post_run

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run

Invoke Dakota with post-run mode active

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- command_line_options

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: pre-run, run, post-run all executed

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		input	Base filename for post-run mode data input
	Optional		output	Base filename for post-run mode data output

Description

When specified, Dakota execution will include the post-run mode, which analyzes parameter/response data sets and computes final results.. This mode is currently useful for parameter study, DACE, and Monte Carlo sampling methods.

Default Behavior

When no run modes are specified, Dakota will perform pre-run, run, and post-run phases.

input

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input

Base filename for post-run mode data input

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no post-run specific input read

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format

			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

Specify a base filename from which Dakota will read any post-run input data, such as parameter/response data on which to calulate final statistics. This option is overridden by any command-line -post_run arguments.

Usage Tips

Dakota imports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- input
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

output

- Keywords Area
- environment
- post_run
- output

Base filename for post-run mode data output

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_IO

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no post-run specific output written

Description

(For future expansion; not currently used by any methods.) Specify a base filename to which Dakota will write any post-run output data. This option is overridden by any command-line -post_run arguments.

6.1.9 graphics

- Keywords Area
- environment
- graphics

Display a 2D graphics window of variables and responses

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: graphics off

Description

For most studies, the `graphics` flag activates a 2D graphics window containing history plots for the variables and response functions in the study. This window is updated in an event loop with approximately a 2 second cycle time. Some study types such as surrogate-based optimization or local reliability specialize the use of the graphics window.

There is no dependence between the `graphics` flag and the `tabular_data` flag; they may be used independently or concurrently.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- tabular_data

6.1.10 tabular_data

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data

Write a tabular results file with variable and response history

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: tabular_graphics_data

Argument(s): none

Default: no tabular data output

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		tabular_data_file	File name for tabular data output
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

Specifying the `tabular_data` flag writes to a data file the same variable and response function history data plotted when using the `graphics` flag. Within the generated data file, the variables and response functions appear as columns and each function evaluation provides a new table row. This capability is most useful for post-processing of Dakota results with third-party graphics tools such as MatLab, Excel, Tecplot, etc.

There is no dependence between the `graphics` flag and the `tabular_data` flag; they may be used independently or concurrently.

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- graphics

tabular_data_file

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- tabular_data_file

File name for tabular data output

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: tabular_graphics_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: dakota_tabular.dat

Description

Specifies a name to use for the tabular data file, overriding the default `dakota_tabular.dat`.

annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- environment
- tabular_data
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

6.1.11 output_precision

- Keywords Area
- environment
- output_precision

Control the output precision

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10

Description

The precision of numeric output precision can be set dwith `output_precision`, with an upper limit of 16. When not specified, most Dakota output will default to a precision of 10, though filesystem interfaces and pre-run output use higher precision for accuracy and better results reproducibility.

6.1.12 results_output

- Keywords Area
- environment
- results_output

(Experimental) Write a summary file containing the final results

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no results output

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		results_output_file	The base file name of the results file

Description

Final results from a Dakota study can be output to dakota_results.txt by specifying `results_output` (optionally specifying an alternate file name with `results_output_filename`). The current experimental text file format is hierarchical and a precursor to planned output to structured text formats such as XML or YAML, and binary formats such as HDF5. The contents, organization, and format of results files are all under active development and are subject to change.

results_output_file

- Keywords Area
- environment
- results_output
- results_output_file

The base file name of the results file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: dakota_results.txt

Description

Default file name is `dakota_results.txt`

6.1.13 top_method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- environment
- top_method_pointer

Identify which method leads the Dakota study

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: method_pointer
Argument(s): STRING
Default: see discussion

Description

An optional top_method_pointer specification may be used to point to a particular method specification that will lead the Dakota analysis. The associated string must be a method identifier specified via id_method. If top_method_pointer is not used, then it will be inferred as decribed below (no top_method_pointer within an environment specification is treated the same as no environment specification).

Default Behavior

The top_method_pointer keyword is typically used in Dakota studies consisting of more than one method block to clearly indicate which is the leading method. This method provides the starting point for the iteration. The corresponding method specification may recurse with additional sub-method pointers in the case of "meta-iteration" (see method) or may specify a single method without recursion. Either case will ultimately result in identification of one or more model specifications using model_pointer, which again may or may not involve further recursion (see nested and surrogate for recursion cases). Each of the model specifications identify the variables and responses specifications (using variables_pointer and responses_pointer) that are used to build the model, and depending on the type of model, may also identify an interface specification (for example, using interface_pointer). If one of these specifications does not provide an optional pointer, then that component will be constructed using the last specification parsed.

When the environment block is omitted, the top level method will be inferred as follows: When a single method is specified, there is no ambiguity and the sole method will be the top method. When multiple methods are specified, the top level method will be deduced from the hierarchical relationships implied by method pointers. If this inference is not well defined (e.g., there are multiple method specifications without any pointer relationship), then the default behavior is to employ the last method specification parsed.

Examples

Specify that the optimization method is the outermost method in an optimization under uncertainty study

```
environment
  top_method_pointer 'OPTIMIZATION_METHOD'
method
  id_method 'UQ_METHOD'
...
method
  id_method 'OPTIMIZATION_METHOD'
...
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_method

6.2 method

- Keywords Area
- method

Begins Dakota method selection and behavioral settings.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		id_method	Name the method block; helpful when there are multiple
	Optional		output	Control how much method information is written to the screen and output file
	Optional		final_solutions	Number of designs returned as the best solutions
			hybrid	Strategy in which a set of methods synergistically seek an optimal design
			multi_start	Multi-Start Optimization Method
			pareto_set	Pareto set optimization
			branch_and_bound	(Experimental Capability) Solves a mixed integer nonlinear optimization problem

Required*(Choose One)* **Group 1**

surrogate_based_local	Local Surrogate Based Optimization
surrogate_based_global	Global Surrogate Based Optimization
dot_frcg	A conjugate gradient optimization method
dot_mmfd	Method of feasible directions
dot_bfgs	A conjugate gradient optimization method
dot_slp	Sequential Linear Programming
dot_sqp	Sequential Quadratic Program
dot	Access to methods in the DOT package
conmin_frcg	A conjugate gradient optimization method
conmin_mfd	Method of feasible directions
conmin	Access to methods in the CONMIN library
dl_solver	(Experimental) Dynamically-loaded solver
npsol_sqp	Sequential Quadratic Program
nlssol_sqp	Sequential Quadratic Program for nonlinear least squares

stanford	Select methods from the Stanford package
nlpql_sqp	Sequential Quadratic Program
optpp_cg	A conjugate gradient optimization method
optpp_q_newton	Quasi-Newton optimization method
optpp_fd_newton	Finite Difference Newton optimization method
optpp_g_newton	Newton method based least-squares calbration
optpp_newton	Newton method based optimization
optpp_pds	Simplex-based derivative free optimization method
asynch_pattern_search	Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
mesh_adaptive_search	Finds optimal variable values using adaptive mesh-based search
moga	Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)
soga	Single-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)

coliny_pattern_search	Pattern search, derivative free optimization method
coliny_solis_wets	Simple greedy local search method
coliny_cobyla	Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)
coliny_direct	DIviding RECTangles method
coliny_ea	Evolutionary Algorithm
coliny_beta	(Experimental) Coliny beta solver
nl2sol	Trust-region method for nonlinear least squares
nonlinear_cg	(Experimental) nonlinear conjugate gradient optimization
ncsu_direct	DIviding RECTangles method
genie_opt_darts	Voronoi-based high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization
genie_direct	Classical high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization Classical high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization

			efficient_global	Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO
			polynomial_chaos	Uncertainty quantification using polynomial chaos expansions
			stoch_collocation	Uncertainty quantification with stochastic collocation
			sampling	Randomly samples variables according to their distributions
			importance_-sampling	Importance sampling
			gpais	Gaussian Process Adaptive Importance Sampling
			adaptive_sampling	(Experimental) Build a GP surrogate and refine it adaptively
			pof_darts	Probability-of--Failure (POF) darts is a novel method for estimating the probability of failure based on random sphere-packing.

rkd_darts	Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts: Recursive Hyperplane Sampling for Numerical Integration of High-Dimensional Functions.
efficient_subspace	(Experimental) efficient subspace method (ESM)
global_evidence	Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with global optimization methods
global_interval_est	Interval analysis using global optimization methods
bayes_calibration	Bayesian calibration
dace	Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments
fsu_cvt	Design of Computer Experiments - Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation
psuade_moat	Morris One-at-a-Time
local_evidence	Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with local optimization methods

			local_interval_est	Interval analysis using local optimization
			local_reliability	Local reliability method
			global_reliability	Global reliability methods
			fsu_quasi_mc	Design of Computer Experiments - Quasi-Monte Carlo sampling
			vector_parameter_study	Samples variables along a user-defined vector
			list_parameter_study	Samples variables as a specified values
			centered_parameter_study	Samples variables along points moving out from a center point
			multidim_parameter_study	Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points
			richardson_extrap	Estimate order of convergence of a response as model fidelity increases

Description

The `method` keyword signifies the start of a block in the Dakota input file. Said block contains the various keywords necessary to specify a method and to control its behavior.

Method Block Requirements

At least one `method` block must appear in the Dakota input file. Multiple `method` blocks may be needed to fully define advanced analysis approaches.

Each `method` block must specify one method and, optionally, any associated keywords that govern the behavior of the method.

The Methods

Each `method` block must select one method.

Starting with Dakota v6.0, the methods are grouped into two types: standard methods and multi-component methods.

The standard methods are stand-alone and self-contained in the sense that they only require a model to perform a study. They do not call other methods. While methods such as `polynomial_chaos` and `efficient_global` internally utilize multiple iterator and surrogate model components, these components are generally

hidden from user control due to restrictions on modularity; thus, these methods are stand-alone.

The multi-component group of methods provides a higher level "meta-algorithm" that points to other methods and models that support sub-iteration. For example, in a sequential hybrid method, the `hybrid` method specification must identify a list of subordinate methods, and the "meta-algorithm" executes these methods in sequence and transfers information between them. Surrogate-based minimizers provide another example in that they point both to other methods (e.g. what optimization method is used to solve the approximate subproblem) as well as to models (e.g. what type of surrogate model is employed). Multi-component methods generally provide some level of "plug and play" modularity, through their flexible support of a variety of method and model selections.

Component-Based Iterator Commands

Component-based iterator specifications include hybrid, multi-start, pareto set, surrogate-based local, surrogate-based global, and branch and bound methods. Whereas a standard iterator specification only needs an optional model pointer string (specified with `model_pointer`), component-based iterator specifications can include method pointer, method name, and model pointer specifications in order to define the components employed in the "meta-iteration." In particular, these specifications identify one or more methods (by pointer or by name) to specify the subordinate iterators that will be used in the top-level algorithm. Identifying a sub-iterator by name instead of by pointer is a lightweight option that relaxes the need for a separate method specification for the sub-iterator; however, a model pointer may be required in this case to provide the specification connectivity normally supported by the method pointer. Refer to these individual method descriptions for specific requirements for these advanced methods.

Method Independent Controls

In addition to the method, there are 10 optional keywords, which are referred to as method independent controls. These controls are valid for enough methods that it was reasonable to pull them out of the method dependent blocks and consolidate the specifications, however, they are NOT universally respected by all methods.

Examples

Several examples follow. The first example shows a minimal specification for an optimization method.

```
method
  dot_sqp
```

This example uses all of the defaults for this method.

A more sophisticated example would be

```
method,
  id_method = 'NLP1'
  dot_sqp
    max_iterations = 50
    convergence_tolerance = 1e-4
    output verbose
    model_pointer = 'M1'
```

This example demonstrates the use of identifiers and pointers as well as some method independent and method dependent controls for the sequential quadratic programming (SQP) algorithm from the DOT library. The `max_iterations`, `convergence_tolerance`, and `output` settings are method independent controls, in that they are defined for a variety of methods (see dot for usage of these controls).

The next example shows a specification for a least squares method.

```
method
  optpp_g_newton
    max_iterations = 10
    convergence_tolerance = 1.e-8
    search_method trust_region
    gradient_tolerance = 1.e-6
```

Some of the same method independent controls are present along with several method dependent controls (search_method and gradient_tolerance) which are only meaningful for OPT++ methods (see package_optpp).

The next example shows a specification for a nondeterministic method with several method dependent controls (refer to sampling).

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 12345
    sample_type lhs
    response_levels = 1000. 500.
```

The last example shows a specification for a parameter study method where, again, each of the controls are method dependent (refer to vector_parameter_study).

```
method
  vector_parameter_study
    step_vector = 1. 1. 1.
    num_steps = 10
```

6.2.1 id_method

- Keywords Area
- method
- id_method

Name the method block; helpful when there are multiple

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_identifier
- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: strategy use of last method parsed

Description

The method identifier string is supplied with id_method and is used to provide a unique identifier string for use with environment or meta-iterator specifications (refer to environment). It is appropriate to omit a method identifier string if only one method is included in the input file, since the single method to use is unambiguous in this case.

6.2.2 output

- Keywords Area
- method
- output

Control how much method information is written to the screen and output file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- dakota_output
- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: normal

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**output level (Group 1)**	debug	Level 5 of 5 - maximum
			verbose	Level 4 of 5 - more than normal
			normal	Level 3 of 5 - default
			quiet	Level 2 of 5 - less than normal
			silent	Level 1 of 5 - minimum

Description

Choose from a total of five output levels during the course of a Dakota study. If there is no user specification for output verbosity, then the default setting is `normal`.

Specific mappings are as follows:

- `silent` (i.e., really quiet): silent iterators, silent model, silent interface, quiet approximation, quiet file operations
- `quiet`: quiet iterators, quiet model, quiet interface, quiet approximation, quiet file operations
- `normal`: normal iterators, normal model, normal interface, quiet approximation, quiet file operations
- `verbose`: verbose iterators, normal model, verbose interface, verbose approximation, verbose file operations
- `debug` (i.e., really verbose): debug iterators, normal model, debug interface, verbose approximation, verbose file operations

Note that iterators and interfaces utilize the full granularity in verbosity, whereas models, approximations, and file operations do not. With respect to iterator verbosity, different iterators implement this control in slightly different ways (as described below in the method independent controls descriptions for each iterator), however the meaning is consistent.

For models, interfaces, approximations, and file operations, `quiet` suppresses parameter and response set reporting and `silent` further suppresses function evaluation headers and scheduling output. Similarly, `verbose` adds file management, approximation evaluation, and global approximation coefficient details, and `debug` further adds diagnostics from nonblocking schedulers.

debug

- Keywords Area
- method
- output
- debug

Level 5 of 5 - maximum

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on output

verbose

- Keywords Area
- method
- output
- verbose

Level 4 of 5 - more than normal

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on output

normal

- Keywords Area
- method
- output
- normal

Level 3 of 5 - default

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on output

quiet

- Keywords Area
- method
- output
- quiet

Level 2 of 5 - less than normal

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on output

silent

- Keywords Area
- method
- output
- silent

Level 1 of 5 - minimum

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on output

6.2.3 final_solutions

- Keywords Area
- method
- final_solutions

Number of designs returned as the best solutions

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The `final_solutions` controls the number of final solutions returned by the iterator as the best solutions.

For most optimizers, this is one, but some optimizers can produce multiple solutions (e.g. genetic algorithms).

When using a `hybrid` strategy, the number of final solutions dictates how many solutions are passed from one method to another.

Examples

In the case of sampling methods, if one specifies 100 samples (for example) but also specifies `final_solutions` = 5, the five best solutions (in order of lowest response function value) are returned.

6.2.4 hybrid

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid

Strategy in which a set of methods synergistically seek an optimal design

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sequential	Methods are run one at a time, in sequence
			embedded	A subordinate local method provides periodic refinements to a top-level global method
			collaborative	Multiple methods run concurrently and share information
	Optional		iterator_servers	Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional		iterator_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional		processors_per_-iterator	Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Description

In a hybrid minimization method (`hybrid`), a set of methods synergistically seek an optimal design. The relationships among the methods are categorized as:

- collaborative
- embedded
- sequential

The goal in each case is to exploit the strengths of different optimization and nonlinear least squares algorithms at different stages of the minimization process. Global + local hybrids (e.g., genetic algorithms combined with nonlinear programming) are a common example in which the desire for identification of a global optimum is balanced with the need for efficient navigation to a local optimum.

sequential

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- sequential

Methods are run one at a time, in sequence

Specification

Alias: uncoupled

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** method_name_list	**Dakota Keyword Description** List of Dakota methods to sequentially or collaboratively run
			method_pointer_list	Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively

Description

In the `sequential` approach, methods are run one at a time, in sequence. The best solutions from one method are used to initialize the next method.

The sequence of methods (i.e. iterators) to run are specified using either a `method_pointer_list` or a `method_name_list` (with optional `model_pointer_list`). Any number of iterators may be specified.

Method switching is managed through the separate convergence controls of each method. The number of solutions transferred between methods is specified by the particular method through its final_solutions method control.

For example, if one sets up a two-level study with a first method that generates multiple solutions such as a genetic algorithm, followed by a second method that is initialized only at a single point such as a gradient-based algorithm, it is possible to take the multiple solutions generated by the first method and create several instances of the second method, each one with a different initial starting point.

The logic governing the transfer of multiple solutions between methods is as follows:

- if one solution is returned from method A, then one solution is transferred to method B.
- If multiple solutions are returned from method A, and method B can accept multiple solutions as input (for example, as a genetic algorithm population), then one instance of method B is initialized with multiple solutions.
- If multiple solutions are returned from method A but method B only can accept one initial starting point, then method B is run several times, each one with a separate starting point from the results of method A.

method_name_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- sequential
- method_name_list

List of Dakota methods to sequentially or collaboratively run

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		model_pointer_list	Associate models with method names

Description

`method_name_list` specifies a list of Dakota methods (e.g. soga, conmin_frcg) that will be run by a `hybrid sequential` or `hybrid collaborative` method. The methods are executed with default options. The optional `model_pointer_list` may be used to associate a model with each method.

model_pointer_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- sequential
- method_name_list
- model_pointer_list

Associate models with method names

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

Using the optional keyword model_pointer_list, models can be assigned to methods specified in the method_name_list. Models are referred to by name (i.e. by their id_model labels). The length of the model_pointer_list must be either 1 or match the length of the method_name_list. If the former, the same model will be used for all methods, and if the latter, methods and models will be paired in the order that they appear in the two lists.

method_pointer_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- sequential
- method_pointer_list

Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

method_pointer_list specifies by name the methods that are to be executed by a hybrid sequential or hybrid collaborative method. Its argument is a list of strings that refer to method blocks by name (i.e. to their id_method labels).

embedded

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded

A subordinate local method provides periodic refinements to a top-level global method

Specification

Alias: coupled
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	global_method_-name	Specify the global method by Dakota name
			global_method_-pointer	Pointer to global method
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	local_method_-name	Specify the local method by Dakota name
			local_method_-pointer	Pointer to local method
	Optional		local_search_-probability	Probability of executing local searches

Description

In the `embedded` approach, a tightly-coupled hybrid is employed in which a subordinate local method provides periodic refinements to a top-level global method.

Global and local method strings supplied with the `global_method_pointer` and `local_method_-pointer` specifications identify the two methods to be used. Alternatively, Dakota method names (e.g. 'soga') can be supplied using the `global_method_name` and `local_method_name` keywords, which each have optional model pointer specifications. The `local_search_probability` setting is an optional specification for supplying the probability (between 0.0 and 1.0) of employing local search to improve estimates within the global search.

global_method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- global_method_name

Specify the global method by Dakota name

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	global_model_-pointer	Pointer to model used by global method

Description

`global_method_name` is used to specify the global method in a `hybrid` `embedded` optimization by Dakota name (e.g. 'soga'). The name of the method is provided as a string. The method is executed with default options.

global_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- global_method_name
- global_model_pointer

Pointer to model used by global method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`global_model_pointer` can be used to specify a model for use with the Dakota method named by the `global_method_name` specification. The argument is a string that refers to the id_model label of the desired model.

global_method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- global_method_pointer

Pointer to global method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `global_method_pointer` identifies the method block to use as the global method in a `hybrid embedded` optimization using its id_method label.

local_method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- local_method_name

Specify the local method by Dakota name

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		local_model_-pointer	Pointer to model used by local method

Description

`local_method_name` is used to specify the local method in a `hybrid embedded` optimization by Dakota name (e.g. 'conmin_mfd'). The name of the method is provided as a string. The method is executed with default options.

local_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid

- embedded
- local_method_name
- local_model_pointer

Pointer to model used by local method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`local_model_pointer` can be used to specify a model for use with the Dakota method named by the `local_method_name` specification. The argument is a string that refers to the id_model label of the desired model.

local_method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- local_method_pointer

Pointer to local method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `local_method_pointer` identifies the method block to use as the local method in a `hybrid embedded` optimization using its id_method

local_search_probability

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- embedded
- local_search_probability

Probability of executing local searches

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

Description

The `local_search_probability` setting is an optional specification for supplying the probability (between 0.0 and 1.0) of employing local search to improve estimates within the global search. Its default value is 0.1.

collaborative

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- collaborative

Multiple methods run concurrently and share information

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	method_name_list	List of Dakota methods to sequentially or collaboratively run

			method_pointer_list	Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively

Description

In the collaborative approach, multiple methods work together and share solutions while executing concurrently. A list of method strings specifies the pool of iterators to be used. Any number of iterators may be specified. The method collaboration logic follows that of either the Agent-Based Optimization or HOPSPACK codes and is currently under development and not available at this time.

method_name_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- collaborative
- method_name_list

List of Dakota methods to sequentially or collaboratively run

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		model_pointer_list	Associate models with method names

Description

`method_name_list` specifies a list of Dakota methods (e.g. soga, conmin_frcg) that will be run by a `hybrid sequential` or `hybrid collaborative` method. The methods are executed with default options. The optional `model_pointer_list` may be used to associate a model with each method.

model_pointer_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- collaborative
- method_name_list
- model_pointer_list

Associate models with method names

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

Using the optional keyword `model_pointer_list`, models can be assigned to methods specified in the `method_name_list`. Models are referred to by name (i.e. by their id_model labels). The length of the `model_pointer_list` must be either 1 or match the length of the `method_name_list`. If the former, the same model will be used for all methods, and if the latter, methods and models will be paired in the order that they appear in the two lists.

method_pointer_list

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- collaborative
- method_pointer_list

Pointers to methods to execute sequantially or collaboratively

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

`method_pointer_list` specifies by name the methods that are to be executed by a `hybrid sequential` or `hybrid collaborative` method. Its argument is a list of strings that refer to method blocks by name (i.e. to their id_method labels).

iterator_servers

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- iterator_servers

Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

iterator_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- iterator_scheduling

Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** master	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_scheduling` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

master

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- iterator_scheduling
- master

Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the ”master”) dynamically schedules work on the iterator servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- iterator_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to iterator servers. Note that unlike the case of `evaluation_scheduling`, it is not possible to specify `static` or `dynamic`.

processors_per_iterator

- Keywords Area
- method
- hybrid
- processors_per_iterator

Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `processors_per_iterator` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of processors in each iterator server. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired server size at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual[4] for additional information.

6.2.5 multi_start

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start

Multi-Start Optimization Method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	method_name	Specify sub-method by name
			method_pointer	Pointer to sub-method to run from each starting point
	Optional		random_starts	Number of random starting points
	Optional		starting_points	List of user-specified starting points
	Optional		iterator_servers	Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel

	Optional	iterator_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	processors_per_iterator	Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Description

In the multi-start iteration method (`multi_start`), a series of iterator runs are performed for different values of parameters in the model. A common use is for multi-start optimization (i.e., different local optimization runs from different starting points for the design variables), but the concept and the code are more general. Multi-start iteration is implemented within the MetaIterator branch of the Iterator hierarchy within the ConcurrentMetaIterator class. Additional information on the multi-start algorithm is available in the Users Manual[4].

The `multi_start` meta-iterator must specify a sub-iterator using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This iterator is responsible for completing a series of iterative analyses from a set of different starting points. These starting points can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_starts`, for which the specified number of starting points are selected randomly within the variable bounds, (2) using `starting_points`, in which the starting values are provided in a list, or (3) using both `random_starts` and `starting_points`, for which the combined set of points will be used. In aggregate, at least one starting point must be specified. The most common example of a multi-start algorithm is multi-start optimization, in which a series of optimizations are performed from different starting values for the design variables. This can be an effective approach for problems with multiple minima.

method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- method_name

Specify sub-method by name

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The method_name keyword is used to specify a sub-method by Dakota method name (e.g. 'npsol_sqp') rather than block pointer. The method will be executed using its default settings. The optional model_pointer specification can be used to associate a model block with the method.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- method_name
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- method_pointer

Pointer to sub-method to run from each starting point

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_pointer` keyword is used to specify a pointer to the sub-method block that will be run from each starting point.

random_starts

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- random_starts

Number of random starting points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator

Description

The `multi_start` meta-iterator must specify a sub-iterator using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This iterator is responsible for completing a series of iterative analyses from a set of different starting points. These starting points can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_starts`, for which the specified number of starting points are selected randomly within the variable bounds, (2) using `starting_points`, in which the starting values are provided in a list, or (3) using both `random_starts` and `starting_points`, for which the combined set of points will be used.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- random_starts
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

starting_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- starting_points

List of user-specified starting points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `multi_start` meta-iterator must specify a sub-iterator using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This iterator is responsible for completing a series of iterative analyses from a set of different starting points. These starting points can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_starts`, for which the specified number of starting points are selected randomly within the variable bounds, (2) using `starting_points`, in which the starting values are provided in a list, or (3) using both `random_starts` and `starting_points`, for which the combined set of points will be used.

iterator_servers

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- iterator_servers

Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

iterator_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start

- iterator_scheduling

  Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** master	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_scheduling` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

master

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- iterator_scheduling
- master

  Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the ”master”) dynamically schedules work on the iterator servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- iterator_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to iterator servers. Note that unlike the case of `evaluation_scheduling`, it is not possible to specify `static` or `dynamic`.

processors_per_iterator

- Keywords Area
- method
- multi_start
- processors_per_iterator

Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `processors_per_iterator` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of processors in each iterator server. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired server size at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual[4] for additional information.

6.2.6 pareto_set

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set

Pareto set optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** method_name	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify sub-method by name
			method_pointer	Pointer to optimization or least-squares sub-method

	Optional	random_weight_sets	Number of random weighting sets
	Optional	weight_sets	List of user-specified weighting sets
	Optional	iterator_servers	Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	iterator_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	processors_per_iterator	Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Description

In the pareto set minimization method (`pareto_set`), a series of optimization or least squares calibration runs are performed for different weightings applied to multiple objective functions. This set of optimal solutions defines a "Pareto set," which is useful for investigating design trade-offs between competing objectives. The code is similar enough to the `multi_start` technique that both algorithms are implemented in the same ConcurrentMetaIterator class.

The `pareto_set` specification must identify an optimization or least squares calibration method using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This minimizer is responsible for computing a set of optimal solutions from a set of response weightings (multi-objective weights or least squares term weights). These weightings can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_weight_sets`, in which case weightings are selected randomly within [0,1] bounds, (2) using `weight_sets`, in which the weighting sets are specified in a list, or (3) using both `random_weight_sets` and `weight_sets`, for which the combined set of weights will be used. In aggregate, at least one set of weights must be specified. The set of optimal solutions is called the "pareto set," which can provide valuable design trade-off information when there are competing objectives.

method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- method_name

Specify sub-method by name

Specification

Alias: opt_method_name

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The `method_name` keyword is used to specify a sub-method by Dakota method name (e.g. 'npsol_sqp') rather than block pointer. The method will be executed using its default settings. The optional `model_pointer` specification can be used to associate a model block with the method.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- method_name
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: opt_model_pointer

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- method_pointer

Pointer to optimization or least-squares sub-method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: opt_method_pointer
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_pointer` keyword is used to specify a pointer to an optimization or least-squares sub-method that is responsible for computing a set of optimal solutions for a set of response weightings.

random_weight_sets

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- random_weight_sets

Number of random weighting sets

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator

Description

The `pareto_set` specification must identify an optimization or least squares calibration method using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This minimizer is responsible for computing a set of optimal solutions from a set of response weightings (multi-objective weights or least squares term weights). These weightings can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_weight_sets`, in which case weightings are selected randomly within [0,1] bounds, (2) using `weight_sets`, in which the weighting sets are specified in a list, or (3) using both `random_weight_sets` and `weight_sets`, for which the combined set of weights will be used. In aggregate, at least one set of weights must be specified. The set of optimal solutions is called the ”pareto set,” which can provide valuable design trade-off information when there are competing objectives.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- random_weight_sets
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

weight_sets

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- weight_sets

List of user-specified weighting sets

Specification

Alias: multi_objective_weight_sets
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `pareto_set` specification must identify an optimization or least squares calibration method using either a `method_pointer` or a `method_name` plus optional `model_pointer`. This minimizer is responsible for computing a set of optimal solutions from a set of response weightings (multi-objective weights or least squares term weights). These weightings can be specified as follows: (1) using `random_weight_sets`, in which case weightings are selected randomly within [0,1] bounds, (2) using `weight_sets`, in which the weighting sets are specified in a list, or (3) using both `random_weight_sets` and `weight_sets`, for which the combined set of weights will be used. In aggregate, at least one set of weights must be specified. The set of optimal solutions is called the "pareto set," which can provide valuable design trade-off information when there are competing objectives.

iterator_servers

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- iterator_servers

Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

iterator_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- iterator_scheduling

Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** master	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_scheduling` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

master

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- iterator_scheduling
- master

Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the ”master”) dynamically schedules work on the iterator servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- iterator_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to iterator servers. Note that unlike the case of `evaluation_scheduling`, it is not possible to specify `static` or `dynamic`.

processors_per_iterator

- Keywords Area
- method
- pareto_set
- processors_per_iterator

Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `processors_per_iterator` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of processors in each iterator server. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired server size at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual[4] for additional information.

6.2.7 branch_and_bound

- Keywords Area
- method
- branch_and_bound

(Experimental Capability) Solves a mixed integer nonlinear optimization problem

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	method_pointer	Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem
			method_name	Specify sub-method by name
	Optional		scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Description

The branch-and-bound optimization methods solves mixed integer nonlinear optimization problems. It does so by partitioning the parameter space according to some criteria along the integer or discrete variables. It then relaxes (i.e., treats all variables as continuous) the sub-problems created by the partitions and solves each sub-problem with a continuous nonlinear optimization method. Results of the sub-problems are combined in such a way that yields the solution to the original optimization problem.

Default Behavior

Branch-and-bound expects all discrete variables to be relaxable. If your problem has categorical or otherwise non-relaxable discrete variables, then this is not the optimization method you are looking for.

Expected Output

The optimal solution and associated parameters will be printed to the screen output.

Usage Tips

The user must choose a nonlinear optimization method to solve the sub- problems. We recommend choosing a method that would be chosen to solve a continuous problem that has similar form to the mixed integer problem.

Examples

```
environment
  method_pointer = 'BandB'

method
  id_method = 'BandB'
  branch_and_bound
    output verbose
    method_pointer = 'SubNLP'

method
  id_method = 'SubNLP'
  coliny_ea
    seed = 12345
    max_iterations = 100
    max_function_evaluations = 100

variables,
  continuous_design = 3
    initial_point   -1.0    1.5   2.0
    upper_bounds    10.0   10.0  10.0
    lower_bounds   -10.0  -10.0 -10.0
```

```
    descriptors      'x1'  'x2'  'x3'
  discrete_design_range = 2
    initial_point      2     2
    lower_bounds       1     1
    upper_bounds       4     9
    descriptors      'y1'   'y2'

interface,
        fork
          analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
        objective_functions = 1
        nonlinear_inequality_constraints = 2
        numerical_gradients
        no_hessians
```

method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- branch_and_bound
- method_pointer

Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_pointer` keyword is used to specify a pointer to an optimization or least-squares sub-method to apply in the context of what could be described as hierarchical methods. In surrogate-based methods, the sub-method is applied to the surrogate model. In the branch-and-bound method, the sub-method is applied to the relaxed sub-problems.

Any `model_pointer` identified in the sub-method specification is ignored. Instead, the parent method is responsible for selecting the appropriate model to use as specified by its `model_pointer`. In surrogate-based methods, it is a surrogate model defined using its `model_pointer`. In branch-and-bound methods, it is the relaxed model that is constructed internally from the original model.

method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- branch_and_bound
- method_name

Specify sub-method by name

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The `method_name` keyword is used to specify a sub-method by Dakota method name (e.g. 'npsol_sqp') rather than block pointer. The method will be executed using its default settings. The optional `model_pointer` specification can be used to associate a model block with the method.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- branch_and_bound
- method_name
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- branch_and_bound
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored

2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

6.2.8 surrogate_based_local

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local

Local Surrogate Based Optimization

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	method_pointer	Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem
			method_name	Specify sub-method by name
	Required		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method
	Optional		soft_convergence_limit	Limit number of iterations w/ little improvement
	Optional		truth_surrogate_bypass	Bypass lower level surrogates when performing truth verifications on a top level surrogate

	Optional	trust_region	Use trust region search method
	Optional	approx_-subproblem	Identify functions to be included in surrogate merit function
	Optional	merit_function	Select type of penalty or merit function
	Optional	acceptance_logic	Set criteria for trusted surrogate
	Optional	constraint_relax	Enable constraint relaxation
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Description

In surrogate-based optimization (SBO) and surrogate-based nonlinear least squares (SBNLS), minimization occurs using a set of one or more approximations, defined from a surrogate model, that are built and periodically updated using data from a ”truth” model. The surrogate model can be a global data fit (e.g., regression or interpolation of data generated from a design of computer experiments), a multipoint approximation, a local Taylor Series expansion, or a model hierarchy approximation (e.g., a low-fidelity simulation model), whereas the truth model involves a high-fidelity simulation model. The goals of surrogate-based methods are to reduce the total number of truth model simulations and, in the case of global data fit surrogates, to smooth noisy data with an easily navigated analytic function.

In the surrogate-based local method, a trust region approach is used to manage the minimization process to maintain acceptable accuracy between the surrogate model and the truth model (by limiting the range over which the surrogate model is trusted). The process involves a sequence of minimizations performed on the surrogate model and bounded by the trust region. At the end of each approximate minimization, the candidate optimum point is validated using the truth model. If sufficient decrease has been obtained in the truth model, the trust region is re-centered around the candidate optimum point and the trust region will either shrink, expand, or remain the same size depending on the accuracy with which the surrogate model predicted the truth model decrease. If sufficient decrease has not been attained, the trust region center is not updated and the entire trust region shrinks by a user-specified factor. The cycle then repeats with the construction of a new surrogate model, a minimization, and another test for sufficient decrease in the truth model. This cycle continues until convergence is attained.

Theory

For surrogate_based_local problems with nonlinear constraints, a number of algorithm formulations exist as described in[23] and as summarized in the Advanced Examples section of the Models chapter of the Users Manual[4].

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- efficient_global
- surrogate_based_global

method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- method_pointer

Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: approx_method_pointer
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_pointer` keyword is used to specify a pointer to an optimization or least-squares sub-method to apply in the context of what could be described as hierarchical methods. In surrogate-based methods, the sub-method is applied to the surrogate model. In the branch-and-bound method, the sub-method is applied to the relaxed sub-problems.

Any `model_pointer` identified in the sub-method specification is ignored. Instead, the parent method is responsible for selecting the appropriate model to use as specified by its `model_pointer`. In surrogate-based methods, it is a surrogate model defined using its `model_pointer`. In branch-and-bound methods, it is the relaxed model that is constructed internally from the original model.

method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- method_name

Specify sub-method by name

Specification

Alias: approx_method_name
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_name` keyword is used to specify a sub-method by Dakota method name (e.g. 'npsol_sqp') rather than block pointer. The method will be executed using its default settings. The optional `model_pointer` specification can be used to associate a model block with the method.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: approx_model_pointer
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

soft_convergence_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- soft_convergence_limit

Limit number of iterations w/ little improvement

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 5

Description

`soft_convergence_limit` (a soft convergence control for the surrogate_based_local iterations which limits the number of consecutive iterations with improvement less than the convergence tolerance)

truth_surrogate_bypass

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- truth_surrogate_bypass

Bypass lower level surrogates when performing truth verifications on a top level surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no bypass

Description

`truth_surrogate_bypass` (a flag for bypassing all lower level surrogates when performing truth verifications on a top level surrogate).

trust_region

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region

Use trust region search method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_size	Trust region initial size (relative to bounds)
	Optional		minimum_size	Trust region minimum size
	Optional		contract_threshold	Shrink trust region if trust region ratio is below this value
	Optional		expand_threshold	Expand trust region if trust region ratio is above this value
	Optional		contraction_factor	Amount by which step length is rescaled
	Optional		expansion_factor	Trust region expansion factor

Description

The `trust_region` optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using `initial_size`) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using `minimum_size`), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using `contraction_factor`) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using `expansion_factor`) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using `contract_threshold`) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using `expand_threshold`). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command `contract_threshold` sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next surrogate_based_local iteration. The command `expand_threshold` determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next surrogate_based_local iteration.

initial_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- initial_size

Trust region initial size (relative to bounds)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.4

Description

The `trust_region` optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using `initial_size`) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using `minimum_size`), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using `contraction_factor`) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using `expansion_factor`) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using `contract_threshold`) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using `expand_threshold`). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command `contract_threshold` sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command `expand_threshold` determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

minimum_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- minimum_size

Trust region minimum size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-6

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

contract_threshold

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- contract_threshold

Shrink trust region if trust region ratio is below this value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.25

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

expand_threshold

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- expand_threshold

Expand trust region if trust region ratio is above this value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.75

Description

The `trust_region` optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using `initial_size`) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using `minimum_size`), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using `contraction_factor`) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using `expansion_factor`) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using `contract_threshold`) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using `expand_threshold`). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command `contract_threshold` sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command `expand_threshold` determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

contraction_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- contraction_factor

Amount by which step length is rescaled

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.25

Description

For pattern search methods, contraction_factor specifies the amount by which step length is rescaled after unsuccesful iterates, must be strictly between 0 and 1.

For methods that can expand the step length, the expansion is 1/ contraction_factor

expansion_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- trust_region
- expansion_factor

Trust region expansion factor

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 2.0

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

approx_subproblem

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem

Identify functions to be included in surrogate merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: original_primary original_constraints

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**objective formulation (Group 1)**	original_primary	Construct approximations of all primary functions
			single_objective	Construct approximation a single objective functions only
			augmented_-lagrangian_-objective	Augmented Lagrangian approximate subproblem formulation
			lagrangian_-objective	Lagrangian approximate subproblem formulation
	Required*(Choose One)*	**constraint formulation (Group 2)**	original_-constraints	Use the constraints directly
			linearized_-constraints	Use linearized approximations to the constraints
			no_constraints	Don't use constraints

Description

First, the "primary" functions (that is, the objective functions or calibration terms) in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original primary functions (`original_primary`), a single objective function (`single_objective`) formed from the primary function surrogates, or either an augmented Lagrangian merit function (`augmented_lagrangian_objective`) or a Lagrangian merit function (`lagrangian_objective`) formed from the primary and secondary function surrogates. The former option may imply the use of a nonlinear least squares method, a multiobjective optimization method, or a single objective optimization method to solve the approximate subproblem, depending on the definition of the primary functions. The latter three options all imply the use of a single objective optimization method regardless of primary function definition. Second, the surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`).

original_primary

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- original_primary

Construct approximations of all primary functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For SBL problems with nonlinear constraints, a number of algorithm formulations exist as described in[23] and as summarized in the Advanced Examples section of the Models chapter of the Users Manual[4]. First, the "primary" functions (that is, the objective functions or calibration terms) in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original primary functions (`original_primary`), a single objective function (`single_objective`) formed from the primary function surrogates, or either an augmented Lagrangian merit function (`augmented_lagrangian_objective`) or a Lagrangian merit function (`lagrangian_objective`) formed from the primary and secondary function surrogates. The former option may imply the use of a nonlinear least squares method, a multiobjective optimization method, or a single objective optimization method to solve the approximate subproblem, depending on the definition of the primary functions. The latter three options all imply the use of a single objective optimization method regardless of primary function definition.

single_objective

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- single_objective

Construct approximation a single objective functions only

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For SBL problems with nonlinear constraints, a number of algorithm formulations exist as described in[23] and as summarized in the Advanced Examples section of the Models chapter of the Users Manual[4]. First, the "primary" functions (that is, the objective functions or calibration terms) in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original primary functions (`original_primary`), a single objective function (`single_objective`) formed from the primary function surrogates, or either an augmented Lagrangian merit function (`augmented_lagrangian_objective`) or a Lagrangian merit function (`lagrangian_objective`) formed from the primary and secondary function surrogates. The former option may imply the use of a nonlinear least squares method, a multiobjective optimization method, or a single objective optimization method to solve the approximate subproblem, depending on the definition of the primary functions. The latter three options all imply the use of a single objective optimization method regardless of primary function definition.

augmented_lagrangian_objective

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- augmented_lagrangian_objective

Augmented Lagrangian approximate subproblem formulation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For SBL problems with nonlinear constraints, a number of algorithm formulations exist as described in[23] and as summarized in the Advanced Examples section of the Models chapter of the Users Manual[4]. First, the "primary" functions (that is, the objective functions or calibration terms) in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original primary functions (`original_primary`), a single objective function (`single_objective`) formed from the primary function surrogates, or either an augmented Lagrangian merit function (`augmented_lagrangian_objective`) or a Lagrangian merit function (`lagrangian_objective`) formed from the primary and secondary function surrogates. The former option may imply the use of a nonlinear least squares method, a multiobjective optimization method, or a single objective optimization method to solve the approximate subproblem, depending on the definition of the primary functions. The latter three options all imply the use of a single objective optimization method regardless of primary function definition.

lagrangian_objective

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- lagrangian_objective

Lagrangian approximate subproblem formulation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For SBL problems with nonlinear constraints, a number of algorithm formulations exist as described in[23] and as summarized in the Advanced Examples section of the Models chapter of the Users Manual[4]. First, the "primary" functions (that is, the objective functions or calibration terms) in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original primary functions (`original_primary`), a single objective function (`single_objective`) formed from the primary function surrogates, or either an augmented Lagrangian merit function (`augmented_lagrangian_objective`) or a Lagrangian merit function (`lagrangian_objective`) formed from the primary and secondary function surrogates. The former option may imply the use of a nonlinear least squares method, a multiobjective optimization method, or a single objective optimization method to solve the approximate subproblem, depending on the definition of the primary functions. The latter three options all imply the use of a single objective optimization method regardless of primary function definition.

original_constraints

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- original_constraints

Use the constraints directly

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`).

linearized_constraints

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- linearized_constraints

Use linearized approximations to the constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`).

no_constraints

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- approx_subproblem
- no_constraints

Don't use constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`).

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- merit_function

Select type of penalty or merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: augmented_lagrangian_merit

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**merit function (Group 1)**	penalty_merit	Use penalty merit function
			adaptive_penalty_-merit	Use adaptive penalty merit function
			lagrangian_merit	Use first-order Lagrangian merit function
			augmented_-lagrangian_merit	Use combined penalty and zeroth-order Lagrangian merit function

Description

Following optimization of the approximate subproblem, the candidate iterate is evaluated using a merit function, which can be selected to be a simple penalty function with penalty ramped by surrogate_based_local iteration number (`penalty_merit`), an adaptive penalty function where the penalty ramping may be accelerated in order to avoid rejecting good iterates which decrease the constraint violation (`adaptive_penalty_merit`), a Lagrangian merit function which employs first-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`lagrangian_merit`), or an augmented Lagrangian merit function which employs both a penalty parameter and zeroth-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`augmented_lagrangian_merit`). When an augmented Lagrangian is selected for either the subproblem objective or the merit function (or both), updating of penalties and multipliers follows the approach described in[16].

penalty_merit

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- merit_function
- penalty_merit

Use penalty merit function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Second, the surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`). Following optimization of the approximate subproblem, the candidate iterate is evaluated using a merit function, which can be

selected to be a simple penalty function with penalty ramped by SBL iteration number (penalty_merit), an adaptive penalty function where the penalty ramping may be accelerated in order to avoid rejecting good iterates which decrease the constraint violation (adaptive_penalty_merit), a Lagrangian merit function which employs first-order Lagrange multiplier updates (lagrangian_merit), or an augmented Lagrangian merit function which employs both a penalty parameter and zeroth-order Lagrange multiplier updates (augmented_lagrangian_merit). When an augmented Lagrangian is selected for either the subproblem objective or the merit function (or both), updating of penalties and multipliers follows the approach described in[16].

adaptive_penalty_merit

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- merit_function
- adaptive_penalty_merit

Use adaptive penalty merit function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Second, the surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (original_constraints) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (linearized_constraints), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (no_constraints). Following optimization of the approximate subproblem, the candidate iterate is evaluated using a merit function, which can be selected to be a simple penalty function with penalty ramped by SBL iteration number (penalty_merit), an adaptive penalty function where the penalty ramping may be accelerated in order to avoid rejecting good iterates which decrease the constraint violation (adaptive_penalty_merit), a Lagrangian merit function which employs first-order Lagrange multiplier updates (lagrangian_merit), or an augmented Lagrangian merit function which employs both a penalty parameter and zeroth-order Lagrange multiplier updates (augmented_lagrangian_merit). When an augmented Lagrangian is selected for either the subproblem objective or the merit function (or both), updating of penalties and multipliers follows the approach described in[16].

lagrangian_merit

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- merit_function
- lagrangian_merit

Use first-order Lagrangian merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Second, the surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`). Following optimization of the approximate subproblem, the candidate iterate is evaluated using a merit function, which can be selected to be a simple penalty function with penalty ramped by SBL iteration number (`penalty_merit`), an adaptive penalty function where the penalty ramping may be accelerated in order to avoid rejecting good iterates which decrease the constraint violation (`adaptive_penalty_merit`), a Lagrangian merit function which employs first-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`lagrangian_merit`), or an augmented Lagrangian merit function which employs both a penalty parameter and zeroth-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`augmented_lagrangian_merit`). When an augmented Lagrangian is selected for either the subproblem objective or the merit function (or both), updating of penalties and multipliers follows the approach described in[16].

augmented_lagrangian_merit

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- merit_function
- augmented_lagrangian_merit

Use combined penalty and zeroth-order Lagrangian merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Second, the surrogate constraints in the approximate subproblem can be selected to be surrogates of the original constraints (`original_constraints`) or linearized approximations to the surrogate constraints (`linearized_constraints`), or constraints can be omitted from the subproblem (`no_constraints`). Following optimization of the approximate subproblem, the candidate iterate is evaluated using a merit function, which can be selected to be a simple penalty function with penalty ramped by SBL iteration number (`penalty_merit`), an adaptive penalty function where the penalty ramping may be accelerated in order to avoid rejecting good iterates which decrease the constraint violation (`adaptive_penalty_merit`), a Lagrangian merit function which employs first-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`lagrangian_merit`), or an augmented Lagrangian merit function which employs both a penalty parameter and zeroth-order Lagrange multiplier updates (`augmented_lagrangian_merit`). When an augmented Lagrangian is selected for either the subproblem objective or the merit function (or both), updating of penalties and multipliers follows the approach described in[16].

acceptance_logic

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- acceptance_logic

Set criteria for trusted surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: filter

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **acceptance logic (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** tr_ratio	**Dakota Keyword Description** Surrogate-Based Local iterate acceptance logic
			filter	Surrogate-Based Local iterate acceptance logic

Description

Following calculation of the merit function for the new iterate, the iterate is accepted or rejected and the trust region size is adjusted for the next surrogate_based_local iteration. Iterate acceptance is governed either by a trust region ratio (`tr_ratio`) formed from the merit function values or by a filter method (`filter`); however, trust region resizing logic is currently based only on the trust region ratio. For infeasible iterates, constraint relaxation can be used for balancing constraint satisfaction and progress made toward an optimum.

tr_ratio

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- acceptance_logic
- tr_ratio

Surrogate-Based Local iterate acceptance logic

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Following calculation of the merit function for the new iterate, the iterate is accepted or rejected and the trust region size is adjusted for the next SBL iteration. Iterate acceptance is governed either by a trust region ratio (`tr_ratio`) formed from the merit function values or by a filter method (`filter`); however, trust region resizing logic is currently based only on the trust region ratio. For infeasible iterates, constraint relaxation can be used for balancing constraint satisfaction and progress made toward an optimum. The command `constraint_relax` followed by a method name specifies the type of relaxation to be used. Currently, `homotopy`[68] is the only available method for constraint relaxation, and this method is dependent on the presence of the NPSOL library within the Dakota executable.

filter

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- acceptance_logic
- filter

Surrogate-Based Local iterate acceptance logic

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Following calculation of the merit function for the new iterate, the iterate is accepted or rejected and the trust region size is adjusted for the next SBL iteration. Iterate acceptance is governed either by a trust region ratio (`tr_ratio`) formed from the merit function values or by a filter method (`filter`); however, trust region resizing logic is currently based only on the trust region ratio. For infeasible iterates, constraint relaxation can be used for balancing constraint satisfaction and progress made toward an optimum. The command `constraint_relax` followed by a method name specifies the type of relaxation to be used. Currently, `homotopy`[68] is the only available method for constraint relaxation, and this method is dependent on the presence of the NPSOL library within the Dakota executable.

constraint_relax

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- constraint_relax

Enable constraint relaxation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no relaxation

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		homotopy	Surrogate-Based local constraint relaxation method for infeasible iterates

Description

The command `constraint_relax` followed by a method name specifies the type of relaxation to be used. Currently, `homotopy` [68] is the only available method for constraint relaxation, and this method is dependent on the presence of the NPSOL library within the Dakota executable.

homotopy

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- constraint_relax
- homotopy

Surrogate-Based local constraint relaxation method for infeasible iterates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Currently, `homotopy`[68] is the only available method for constraint relaxation, and this method is dependent on the presence of the NPSOL library within the Dakota executable.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_local
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003

- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

6.2.9 surrogate_based_global

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global

Global Surrogate Based Optimization

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** method_pointer	**Dakota Keyword Description** Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem
			method_name	Specify sub-method by name
	Required		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method
	Optional		replace_points	(Recommended) Replace points in the surrogate training set, instead of appending

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Description

The `surrogate_based_global` specification must identify:

- a sub-method, using either method_pointer or method_name
- model_pointer must be used to identify a surrogate model

`surrogate_based_global` works in an iterative scheme where optimization is performed on a global surrogate using the same bounds during each iteration.

- In one iteration, the optimal solutions of the surrogate model are found, and then a selected set of these optimal surrogate solutions are passed to the next iteration.
- At the next iteration, these surrogate points are evaluated with the "truth" model, and then these points are added back to the set of points upon which the next surrogate is constructed.

In this way, the optimization acts on a more accurate surrogate during each iteration, presumably driving to optimality quickly.

Method Independent Controls

- max_iterations is used as a stopping critierion (see note below)

Notes

We have some cautionary notes before using the surrogate-based global method:

- **This approach has no guarantee of convergence.**
- One might first try a single minimization method coupled with a surrogate model prior to using the surrogate-based global method. This is essentially equivalent to setting `max_iterations` to 1 and will allow one to get a sense of what surrogate types are the most accurate to use for the problem.
- Also note that one can specify that surrogates be built for all primary functions and constraints or for only a subset of these functions and constraints. This allows one to use a "truth" model directly for some of the response functions, perhaps due to them being much less expensive than other functions.
- We initially recommend a small number of maximum iterations, such as 3-5, to get a sense of how the optimization is evolving as the surrogate gets updated. If it appears to be changing significantly, then a larger number (used in combination with restart) may be needed.

Theory

In surrogate-based optimization (SBO) and surrogate-based nonlinear least squares (SBNLS), minimization occurs using a set of one or more approximations, defined from a surrogate model, that are built and periodically updated using data from a "truth" model. The surrogate model can be a global data fit (e.g., regression or interpolation of data generated from a design of computer experiments), a multipoint approximation, a local Taylor Series expansion, or a model hierarchy approximation (e.g., a low-fidelity simulation model), whereas the truth model involves a high-fidelity simulation model. The goals of surrogate-based methods are to reduce the total

number of truth model simulations and, in the case of global data fit surrogates, to smooth noisy data with an easily navigated analytic function.

It was originally designed for MOGA (a multi-objective genetic algorithm). Since genetic algorithms often need thousands or tens of thousands of points to produce optimal or near-optimal solutions, the use of surrogates can be helpful for reducing the truth model evaluations. Instead of creating one set of surrogates for the individual objectives and running the optimization algorithm on the surrogate once, the idea is to select points along the (surrogate) Pareto frontier, which can be used to supplement the existing points.

In this way, one does not need to use many points initially to get a very accurate surrogate. The surrogate becomes more accurate as the iterations progress.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- efficient_global
- surrogate_based_local

method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global
- method_pointer

Pointer to sub-method to apply to a surrogate or branch-and-bound sub-problem

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: approx_method_pointer
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_pointer` keyword is used to specify a pointer to an optimization or least-squares sub-method to apply in the context of what could be described as hierarchical methods. In surrogate-based methods, the sub-method is applied to the surrogate model. In the branch-and-bound method, the sub-method is applied to the relaxed sub-problems.

Any `model_pointer` identified in the sub-method specification is ignored. Instead, the parent method is responsible for selecting the appropriate model to use as specified by its `model_pointer`. In surrogate-based methods, it is a surrogate model defined using its `model_pointer`. In branch-and-bound methods, it is the relaxed model that is constructed internally from the original model.

method_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global
- method_name

Specify sub-method by name

Specification

Alias: approx_method_name
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The `method_name` keyword is used to specify a sub-method by Dakota method name (e.g. 'npsol_sqp') rather than block pointer. The method will be executed using its default settings. The optional `model_pointer` specification can be used to associate a model block with the method.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: approx_model_pointer
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

replace_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global
- replace_points

(Recommended) Replace points in the surrogate training set, instead of appending

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Points appended, not replaced

Description

The user has the option of appending the optimal points from the surrogate model to the current set of truth points or using the optimal points from the surrogate model to replace the optimal set of points from the previous iteration. Although appending to the set is the default behavior, at this time we strongly recommend using the option `replace_points` because it appears to be more accurate and robust.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- surrogate_based_global
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

6.2.10 dot_frcg

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use dot instead.

We here provide a caution regarding `dot_frcg`. In DOT Version 4.20, we have noticed inconsistent behavior of this algorithm across different versions of Linux. Our best assessment is that it is due to different treatments of uninitialized variables. As we do not know the intention of the code authors and maintaining DOT source code is outside of the Dakota project scope, we have not made nor are we recommending any code changes to address this. However, all users who use `dot_frcg` in DOT Version 4.20 should be aware that results may not be reliable.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- frcg

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

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$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_frcg
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.11 dot_mmfd

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd

Method of feasible directions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use dot instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mmfd

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = ”none”

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_mmfd
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.12 dot_bfgs

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use dot instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- bfgs

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

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and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_bfgs
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.13 dot_slp

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp

Sequential Linear Programming

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use dot instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- slp

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_slp
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.14 dot_sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp

Sequential Quadratic Program

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use dot instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- sqp

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot_sqp
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.15 dot

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot

Access to methods in the DOT package

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** frcg	**Dakota Keyword Description** A conjugate gradient optimization method
			mmfd	Method of feasible directions
			bfgs	A conjugate gradient optimization method
			slp	Sequential Linear Programming
			sqp	Sequential Quadratic Program
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The DOT library [85] contains nonlinear programming optimizers, specifically the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb--Shanno (Dakota's `dot_bfgs` method) and Fletcher-Reeves conjugate gradient (Dakota's `dot_frcg` method) methods for unconstrained optimization, and the modified method of feasible directions (Dakota's `dot_mmfd` method), sequential linear programming (Dakota's `dot_slp` method), and sequential quadratic programming (Dakota's `dot_sqp` method) methods for constrained optimization.

Specialized handling of linear constraints is supported with DOT; linear constraint coefficients, bounds, and targets can be provided to DOT at start-up and tracked internally.

One of the five available methods in **Group 1** must be specified.

All these methods take the same **Optional Keywords** , dealing with linear equality and inequality constraints.

Method Independent Controls - Stopping Critiera

Stopping critiera are set by:

- max_iterations
- max_function_evaluations
- convergence_tolerance
- constraint_tolerance

Note: The `convergence_tolerance` criterion must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations before DOT will terminate.

Method Independent Controls - Output

The output verbosity specification controls the amount of information generated by DOT: the `silent` and `quiet` settings result in header information, final results, and objective function, constraint, and parameter information on each iteration; whereas the `verbose` and `debug` settings add additional information on gradients, search direction, one-dimensional search results, and parameter scaling factors.

Concurrency

DOT contains no parallel algorithms which can directly take advantage of concurrent evaluations. However, if `numerical_gradients` with `method_source dakota` is specified, then the finite difference function evaluations can be performed concurrently (using any of the parallel modes described in the Users Manual[4]).

In addition, if speculative is specified, then gradients (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) will be computed on each line search evaluation in order to balance the load and lower the total run time in parallel optimization studies.

frcg

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- frcg

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

We here provide a caution regarding dot_frcg. In DOT Version 4.20, we have noticed inconsistent behavior of this algorithm across different versions of Linux. Our best assessment is that it is due to different treatments of uninitialized variables. As we do not know the intention of the code authors and maintaining DOT source code is outside of the Dakota project scope, we have not made nor are we recommending any code changes to address this. However, all users who use dot_frcg in DOT Version 4.20 should be aware that results may not be reliable.

See package_dot for information related to all DOT methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- bfgs
- mmfd
- slp
- sqp

mmfd

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- mmfd

Method of feasible directions

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See package_dot for information related to all `DOT` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- bfgs
- frcg
- slp
- sqp

bfgs

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- bfgs

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See package_dot for information related to all DOT methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- frcg
- mmfd
- slp
- sqp

slp

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- slp

Sequential Linear Programming

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See package_dot for information related to all DOT methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- bfgs
- frcg
- mmfd
- sqp

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- sqp

Sequential Quadratic Program

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_dot

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See package_dot for information related to all `DOT` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- bfgs
- frcg
- mmfd
- slp

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = ”none”

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dot
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.16 conmin_frcg

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use conmin instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- frcg

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = ”none”

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_frcg
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.17 conmin_mfd

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd

Method of feasible directions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicated keyword. Please use conmin instead.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mfd

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin_mfd
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.18 conmin

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin

Access to methods in the CONMIN library

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_conmin

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** frcg	**Dakota Keyword Description** A conjugate gradient optimization method
			mfd	Method of feasible directions
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints

	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The CONMIN library[83] is a public domain library of nonlinear programming optimizers, specifically the Fletcher-Reeves conjugate gradient (Dakota's `conmin_frcg` method) method for unconstrained optimization, and the method of feasible directions (Dakota's `conmin_mfd` method) for constrained optimization. As CONMIN was a predecessor to the DOT commercial library, the algorithm controls are very similar.

One of the two available methods in **Group 1** must be specified.

All these methods take the same **Optional Keywords** , dealing with linear equality and inequality constraints.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- dot

frcg

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- frcg

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_conmin

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The interpretations of the method independent controls for CONMIN are essentially identical to those for DOT.
See package_dot for information related to CONMIN methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mfd
- frcg

mfd

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- mfd

Method of feasible directions

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_conmin

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The interpretations of the method independent controls for CONMIN are essentially identical to those for DOT.
See package_dot for information related to CONMIN methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- frcg
- mmfd

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- conmin
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.19 dl_solver

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver

(Experimental) Dynamically-loaded solver

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- optimization_and_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional		linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional		linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional		linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional		linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This keyword specifies a dynamically-loaded optimization solver library, an experimental Dakota feature that is not enabled by default.

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$
$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dl_solver
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.20 npsol_sqp

- Keywords Area

- method
- npsol_sqp

Sequential Quadratic Program

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_npsol
- sequential_quadratic_programming
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		verify_level	Verify the quality of analytic gradients
	Optional		function_precision	Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses
	Optional		linesearch_-tolerance	Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	constraint_-tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities

	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

NPSOL provides an implementation of sequential quadratic programming that can be accessed with `npsol_sqp`.

Stopping Criteria

The method independent controls for `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` limit the number of major SQP iterations and the number of function evaluations that can be performed during an NPSOL optimization. The `convergence_tolerance` control defines NPSOL's internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance` = `1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function). The `constraint_tolerance` control defines how tightly the constraint functions are satisfied at convergence. The default value is dependent upon the machine precision of the platform in use, but is typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations. Extremely small values for `constraint_tolerance` may not be attainable. The `output` verbosity setting controls the amount of information generated at each major SQP iteration: the `silent` and `quiet` settings result in only one line of diagnostic output for each major iteration and print the final optimization solution, whereas the `verbose` and `debug` settings add additional information on the objective function, constraints, and variables at each major iteration.

Concurrency

NPSOL is not a parallel algorithm and cannot directly take advantage of concurrent evaluations. However, if `numerical_gradients` with `method_source dakota` is specified, then the finite difference function evaluations can be performed concurrently (using any of the parallel modes described in the Users Manual [4]).

An important related observation is the fact that NPSOL uses two different line searches depending on how gradients are computed. For either `analytic_gradients` or `numerical_gradients` with `method_source dakota`, NPSOL is placed in user-supplied gradient mode (NPSOL's "Derivative Level" is set to 3) and it uses a gradient-based line search (the assumption is that user-supplied gradients are inexpensive). On the other hand, if `numerical_gradients` are selected with `method_source vendor`, then NPSOL is computing finite differences internally and it will use a value-based line search (the assumption is that finite differencing on each line search evaluation is too expensive). The ramifications of this are: (1) performance will vary between `method_source dakota` and `method_source vendor` for `numerical_gradients`, and (2) gradient speculation is unnecessary when performing optimization in parallel since the gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode is already load balanced for parallel execution. Therefore, a `speculative` specification will be ignored by NPSOL, and optimization with numerical gradients should select `method_source dakota` for load balanced parallel operation and `method_source vendor` for efficient serial operation.

Linear constraints

Lastly, NPSOL supports specialized handling of linear inequality and equality constraints. By specifying the coefficients and bounds of the linear inequality constraints and the coefficients and targets of the linear equality constraints, this information can be provided to NPSOL at initialization and tracked internally, removing the need for the user to provide the values of the linear constraints on every function evaluation.

verify_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- verify_level

Verify the quality of analytic gradients

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: -1 (no gradient verification)

Description

`verify_level` instructs the NPSOL and NLSSOL algorithms to perform their own finite difference verification of the gradients provided by Dakota. Typically these are used to verify `analytic_gradients` produced by a simulation code, though the option can be used with other Dakota-supplied gradient types including numerical or mixed.

Level 1 will verify the objective gradients, level 2, the nonlinear constraint gradients, and level 3, both. See the Optional Input Parameters section of the NPSOL manual[33] for additional information, including options to verify at the user-supplied initial point vs. first feasible point.

function_precision

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- function_precision

Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.0e-10

Description

The function_precision control provides the algorithm with an estimate of the accuracy to which the problem functions can be computed. This is used to prevent the algorithm from trying to distinguish between function values that differ by less than the inherent error in the calculation.

linesearch_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linesearch_tolerance

Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.9 (inaccurate line search)

Description

The linesearch_tolerance setting controls the accuracy of the line search. The smaller the value (between 0 and 1), the more accurately the algorithm will attempt to compute a precise minimum along the search direction.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type`:

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

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$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- npsol_sqp
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.21 nlssol_sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp

Sequential Quadratic Program for nonlinear least squares

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- sequential_quadratic_programming
- nonlinear_least_squares

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		verify_level	Verify the quality of analytic gradients
	Optional		function_precision	Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses
	Optional		linesearch_-tolerance	Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search

	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

NLSSOL is available as `nlssol_sqp` and supports unconstrained, bound-constrained, and generally-constrained problems. It exploits the structure of a least squares objective function through the periodic use of Gauss-Newton Hessian approximations to accelerate the SQP algorithm.

Stopping Criteria

The method independent controls for `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` limit the number of major SQP iterations and the number of function evaluations that can be performed during an NPSOL optimization. The `convergence_tolerance` control defines NPSOL's internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance` = `1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function). The `constraint_tolerance` control defines how tightly the constraint functions are satisfied at convergence. The default value is dependent upon the machine precision of the platform in use, but is typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations. Extremely small values for `constraint_tolerance` may not be attainable.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- npsol_sqp
- nl2sol
- optpp_g_newton
- field_calibration_terms

verify_level

- Keywords Area

- method
- nlssol_sqp
- verify_level

Verify the quality of analytic gradients

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: -1 (no gradient verification)

Description

`verify_level` instructs the NPSOL and NLSSOL algorithms to perform their own finite difference verification of the gradients provided by Dakota. Typically these are used to verify `analytic_gradients` produced by a simulation code, though the option can be used with other Dakota-supplied gradient types including numerical or mixed.

Level 1 will verify the objective gradients, level 2, the nonlinear constraint gradients, and level 3, both. See the Optional Input Parameters section of the NPSOL manual[33] for additional information, including options to verify at the user-supplied initial point vs. first feasible point.

function_precision

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- function_precision

Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-10

Description

The `function_precision` control provides the algorithm with an estimate of the accuracy to which the problem functions can be computed. This is used to prevent the algorithm from trying to distinguish between function values that differ by less than the inherent error in the calculation.

linesearch_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linesearch_tolerance

Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.9 (inaccurate line search)

Description

The `linesearch_tolerance` setting controls the accuracy of the line search. The smaller the value (between 0 and 1), the more accurately the algorithm will attempt to compute a precise minimum along the search direction.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the scaling keyword is omitted, all _scale_types and *_scales specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored
2. value - multiplicative scaling
3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlssol_sqp
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.22 stanford

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford

Select methods from the Stanford package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	npsol	Duplicate of `method-npsol_sqp`
			nlssol	Duplicate of `method-nlssol_sqp`
	Optional		verify_level	Verify the quality of analytic gradients
	Optional		function_precision	Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses
	Optional		linesearch_tolerance	Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search

	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a duplicate. See the method pages here:

- nlssol_sqp
- npsol_sqp

npsol

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- npsol

Duplicate of `method-npsol_sqp`

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See the page for npsol_sqp

nlssol

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- nlssol

Duplicate of `method-nlssol_sqp`

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the page for nlssol_sqp

verify_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- verify_level

Verify the quality of analytic gradients

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: -1 (no gradient verification)

Description

`verify_level` instructs the NPSOL and NLSSOL algorithms to perform their own finite difference verification of the gradients provided by Dakota. Typically these are used to verify `analytic_gradients` produced by a simulation code, though the option can be used with other Dakota-supplied gradient types including numerical or mixed.

Level 1 will verify the objective gradients, level 2, the nonlinear constraint gradients, and level 3, both. See the Optional Input Parameters section of the NPSOL manual[33] for additional information, including options to verify at the user-supplied initial point vs. first feasible point.

function_precision

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- function_precision

Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-10

Description

The `function_precision` control provides the algorithm with an estimate of the accuracy to which the problem functions can be computed. This is used to prevent the algorithm from trying to distinguish between function values that differ by less than the inherent error in the calculation.

linesearch_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linesearch_tolerance

Choose how accurately the algorithm will compute the minimum in a line search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.9 (inaccurate line search)

Description

The `linesearch_tolerance` setting controls the accuracy of the line search. The smaller the value (between 0 and 1), the more accurately the algorithm will attempt to compute a precise minimum along the search direction.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The constraint_tolerance specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults

Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of 1.e-8 for double precision computations

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, speculative gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function

values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- stanford
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.23 nlpql_sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp

Sequential Quadratic Program

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_nlpql
- sequential_quadratic_programming
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

NLPQL provides an implementation of sequential quadratic programming through `nlpqp_sqp`. The particular SQP implementation in `nlpql_sqp` uses a variant with distributed and non-monotone line search. Thus, this variant is designed to be more robust in the presence of inaccurate or noisy gradients common in many engineering applications.

The method independent controls for maximum iterations and output verbosity are mapped to NLPQL controls MAXIT and IPRINT, respectively. The maximum number of function evaluations is enforced within the NLPQ-

LPOptimizer class.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = ”none”

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- nlpql_sqp
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.24 optpp_cg

- Keywords Area

- method
- optpp_cg

A conjugate gradient optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_step	Max change in design point
	Optional		gradient_tolerance	Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional		max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_-targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_-scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_-scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The conjugate gradient method is an implementation of the Polak-Ribiere approach and handles only unconstrained problems.

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- optpp_g_newton
- optpp_pds
- optpp_fd_newton
- optpp_newton
- optpp_g_newton

max_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- max_step

Max change in design point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.

Description

The `max_step` control specifies the maximum step that can be taken when computing a change in the current design point (e.g., limiting the Newton step computed from current gradient and Hessian information). It is equivalent to a move limit or a maximum trust region size. The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

gradient_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- gradient_tolerance

Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_cg
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.25 optpp_q_newton

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton

Quasi-Newton optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		search_method	Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers
	Optional		merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints
	Optional		steplength_to_-boundary	Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

	Optional	centering_-parameter	Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”
	Optional	max_step	Max change in design point
	Optional	gradient_tolerance	Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a Newton method that expects a gradient and computes a low-rank approximation to the Hessian. Each of the Newton-based methods are automatically bound to the appropriate OPT++ algorithm based on the user constraint specification (unconstrained, bound-constrained, or generally-constrained). In the generally-constrained case, the Newton methods use a nonlinear interior-point approach to manage the constraints.

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

search_method

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- search_method

Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	value_based_line_-search	Use only function values for line search
			gradient_based_-line_search	Set the search method to use the gradient
			trust_region	Use trust region as the globalization strategy.
			tr_pds	Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

value_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- search_method
- value_based_line_search

Use only function values for line search

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: trust_region (unconstrained), value_based_line_search (bound/general constraints)

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

gradient_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- search_method
- gradient_based_line_search

Set the search method to use the gradient

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

trust_region

- Keywords Area
- method

- optpp_q_newton
- search_method
- trust_region

Use trust region as the globalization strategy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `trust_region` optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using `initial_size`) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using `minimum_size`), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using `contraction_factor`) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using `expansion_factor`) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using `contract_threshold`) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using `expand_threshold`). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command `contract_threshold` sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command `expand_threshold` determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

tr_pds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- search_method
- tr_pds

Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function

and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: argaez_tapia

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword el_bakry	Dakota Keyword Description El-Bakry merit function
			argaez_tapia	The merit function by Tapia and Argaez
			van_shanno	The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

el_bakry

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- merit_function
- el_bakry

El-Bakry merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "el_bakry" merit function is the L2-norm of the first order optimality conditions for the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is n+1 function evaluations. For more information, see[20].

argaez_tapia

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- merit_function
- argaez_tapia

The merit function by Tapia and Argaez

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "argaez_tapia" merit function can be classified as a modified augmented Lagrangian function. The augmented Lagrangian is modified by adding to its penalty term a potential reduction function to handle the perturbed complementarity condition. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information, see [80].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

van_shanno

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- merit_function
- van_shanno

The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "van_shanno" merit function can be classified as a penalty function for the logarithmic barrier formulation of the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information see[82].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

steplength_to_boundary

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- steplength_to_boundary

Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.8 (el_bakry), 0.99995 (argaez_tapia), 0.95 (van_shanno)

Description

The `steplength_to_boundary` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move. A value of 1 means that the algorithm is allowed to take steps that may reach the boundary of the feasible region. If the user wishes to maintain strict feasibility of the design parameters this value should be less than 1. Default values are .8, .99995, and .95 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

centering_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- centering_parameter

Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the "central path"

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.2 (el_bakry), 0.2 (argaez_tapia), 0.1 (van_shanno)

Description

The `centering_parameter` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how closely the algorithm should follow the "central path". See[88] for the definition of central path. The larger the value, the more closely the algorithm follows the central path, which results in small steps. A value of 0 indicates that the algorithm will take a pure Newton step. Default values are .2, .2, and .1 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

max_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- max_step

Max change in design point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.

Description

The `max_step` control specifies the maximum step that can be taken when computing a change in the current design point (e.g., limiting the Newton step computed from current gradient and Hessian information). It is equivalent to a move limit or a maximum trust region size. The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

gradient_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- gradient_tolerance

Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_q_newton
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.26 optpp_fd_newton

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton

Finite Difference Newton optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		search_method	Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers
	Optional		merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints
	Optional		steplength_to_-boundary	Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

	Optional	centering_-parameter	Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”
	Optional	max_step	Max change in design point
	Optional	gradient_tolerance	Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a Newton method that expects a gradient and computes a finite-difference approximation to the Hessian. Each of the Newton-based methods are automatically bound to the appropriate OPT++ algorithm based on the user constraint specification (unconstrained, bound-constrained, or generally-constrained). In the generally-constrained case, the Newton methods use a nonlinear interior-point approach to manage the constraints.

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- optpp_cg
- optpp_g_newton
- optpp_pds
- optpp_newton
- optpp_g_newton

search_method

- Keywords Area

- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- search_method

Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	value_based_line_search	Use only function values for line search
			gradient_based_line_search	Set the search method to use the gradient
			trust_region	Use trust region as the globalization strategy.
			tr_pds	Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

value_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- search_method

- value_based_line_search

Use only function values for line search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: trust_region (unconstrained), value_based_line_search (bound/general constraints)

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

gradient_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- search_method
- gradient_based_line_search

Set the search method to use the gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods

additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

trust_region

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- search_method
- trust_region

Use trust region as the globalization strategy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

tr_pds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- search_method
- tr_pds

Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: argaez_tapia

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** el_bakry	**Dakota Keyword Description** El-Bakry merit function
			argaez_tapia	The merit function by Tapia and Argaez
			van_shanno	The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Description

A merit_function is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

el_bakry

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- merit_function
- el_bakry

El-Bakry merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "el_bakry" merit function is the L2-norm of the first order optimality conditions for the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is n+1 function evaluations. For more information, see[20].

argaez_tapia

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- merit_function
- argaez_tapia

The merit function by Tapia and Argaez

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "argaez_tapia" merit function can be classified as a modified augmented Lagrangian function. The augmented Lagrangian is modified by adding to its penalty term a potential reduction function to handle the perturbed complementarity condition. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information, see [80].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

van_shanno

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- merit_function
- van_shanno

The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "van_shanno" merit function can be classified as a penalty function for the logarithmic barrier formulation of the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information see[82].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

steplength_to_boundary

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- steplength_to_boundary

Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.8 (el_bakry), 0.99995 (argaez_tapia), 0.95 (van_shanno)

Description

The `steplength_to_boundary` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move. A value of 1 means that the algorithm is allowed to take steps that may reach the boundary of the feasible region. If the user wishes to maintain strict feasibility of the design parameters this value should be less than 1. Default values are .8, .99995, and .95 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

centering_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- centering_parameter

Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.2 (el_bakry), 0.2 (argaez_tapia), 0.1 (van_shanno)

Description

The `centering_parameter` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”. See[88] for the definition of central path. The larger the value, the more closely the algorithm follows the central path, which results in small steps. A value of 0 indicates that the algorithm will take a pure Newton step. Default values are .2, .2, and .1 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

max_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- max_step

Max change in design point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.

Description

The `max_step` control specifies the maximum step that can be taken when computing a change in the current design point (e.g., limiting the Newton step computed from current gradient and Hessian information). It is equivalent to a move limit or a maximum trust region size. The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

gradient_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- gradient_tolerance

Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable

only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_fd_newton
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.27 optpp_g_newton

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton

Newton method based least-squares calbration

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		search_method	Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers
	Optional		merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints
	Optional		steplength_to_-boundary	Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

	Optional	centering_-parameter	Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”
	Optional	max_step	Max change in design point
	Optional	gradient_tolerance	Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_-lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_-upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Gauss-Newton algorithm is available as `optpp_g_newton` and supports unconstrained, bound-constrained, and generally-constrained problems. When interfaced with the unconstrained, bound-constrained, and nonlinear interior point full-Newton optimizers from the OPT++ library, it provides a Gauss-Newton least squares capability which – on zero-residual test problems – can exhibit quadratic convergence rates near the solution. (Real problems almost never have zero residuals, i.e., perfect fits.)

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- optpp_cg
- optpp_pds
- optpp_fd_newton
- optpp_newton
- optpp_g_newton
- field_calibration_terms

search_method

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- search_method

Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** value_based_line_-search	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use only function values for line search
			gradient_based_-line_search	Set the search method to use the gradient
			trust_region	Use trust region as the globalization strategy.
			tr_pds	Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

value_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method

- optpp_g_newton
- search_method
- value_based_line_search

Use only function values for line search

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: trust_region (unconstrained), value_based_line_search (bound/general constraints)

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

gradient_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- search_method
- gradient_based_line_search

Set the search method to use the gradient

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

trust_region

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- search_method
- trust_region

Use trust region as the globalization strategy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

tr_pds

- Keywords Area
- method

- optpp_g_newton
- search_method
- tr_pds

Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: argaez_tapia

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	el_bakry	El-Bakry merit function

			argaez_tapia	The merit function by Tapia and Argaez
			van_shanno	The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

el_bakry

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- merit_function
- el_bakry

El-Bakry merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "el_bakry" merit function is the L2-norm of the first order optimality conditions for the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is n+1 function evaluations. For more information, see[20].

argaez_tapia

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- merit_function
- argaez_tapia

The merit function by Tapia and Argaez

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "argaez_tapia" merit function can be classified as a modified augmented Lagrangian function. The augmented Lagrangian is modified by adding to its penalty term a potential reduction function to handle the perturbed complementarity condition. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information, see [80].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

van_shanno

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- merit_function
- van_shanno

The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The "van_shanno" merit function can be classified as a penalty function for the logarithmic barrier formulation of the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information see[82].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

steplength_to_boundary

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- steplength_to_boundary

Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: Merit function dependent: 0.8 (el_bakry), 0.99995 (argaez_tapia), 0.95 (van_shanno)

Description

The steplength_to_boundary specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move. A value of 1 means that the algorithm is allowed to take steps that may reach the boundary of the feasible region. If the user wishes to maintain strict feasibility of the design parameters this value should be less than 1. Default values are .8, .99995, and .95 for the el_bakry, argaez_tapia, and van_shanno merit functions, respectively.

centering_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- centering_parameter

Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.2 (el_bakry), 0.2 (argaez_tapia), 0.1 (van_shanno)

Description

The centering_parameter specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”. See[88] for the definition of central path. The larger the value, the more closely the algorithm follows the central path, which results in small steps. A value of 0 indicates that the algorithm will take a pure Newton step. Default values are .2, .2, and .1 for the el_bakry, argaez_tapia, and van_shanno merit functions, respectively.

max_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- max_step

Max change in design point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.

Description

The max_step control specifies the maximum step that can be taken when computing a change in the current design point (e.g., limiting the Newton step computed from current gradient and Hessian information). It is equivalent to a move limit or a maximum trust region size. The gradient_tolerance control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The gradient_tolerance control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

gradient_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- gradient_tolerance

Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The gradient_tolerance control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The gradient_tolerance control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose.

In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$
$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_g_newton
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

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- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton

Newton method based optimization

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp
- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	search_method	Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers
	Optional	merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints
	Optional	steplength_to_-boundary	Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move
	Optional	centering_-parameter	Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”
	Optional	max_step	Max change in design point
	Optional	gradient_tolerance	Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is a full Newton method that expects a gradient and a Hessian. Each of the Newton-based methods are automatically bound to the appropriate OPT++ algorithm based on the user constraint specification (unconstrained, bound-constrained, or generally-constrained). In the generally-constrained case, the Newton methods use a nonlinear interior-point approach to manage the constraints.

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- optpp_cg
- optpp_g_newton
- optpp_pds
- optpp_fd_newton
- optpp_g_newton

search_method

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- search_method

Select a search method for Newton-based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** value_based_line_-search	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use only function values for line search
			gradient_based_-line_search	Set the search method to use the gradient
			trust_region	Use trust region as the globalization strategy.
			tr_pds	Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function

and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

value_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- search_method
- value_based_line_search

Use only function values for line search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: trust_region (unconstrained), value_based_line_search (bound/general constraints)

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

gradient_based_line_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- search_method
- gradient_based_line_search

Set the search method to use the gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The search_method control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between trust_region, gradient_based_line_search, and value_based_line_search methods. The gradient_based_line_search option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, value_base_line_search only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the gradient_based_line_search method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the value_based_line_search method is preferred to the gradient_based_line_search method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the tr_pds selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a trust_region search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

trust_region

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- search_method
- trust_region

Use trust region as the globalization strategy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The trust_region optional group specification can be used to specify the initial size of the trust region (using initial_size) relative to the total variable bounds, the minimum size of the trust region (using minimum_size), the contraction factor for the trust region size (using contraction_factor) used when the surrogate model is performing poorly, and the expansion factor for the trust region size (using expansion_factor) used when the the surrogate model is performing well. Two additional commands are the trust region size contraction threshold (using contract_threshold) and the trust region size expansion threshold (using expand_threshold). These two commands are related to what is called the trust region ratio, which is the actual decrease in the truth model divided by the predicted decrease in the truth model in the current trust region. The command contract_threshold sets the minimum acceptable value for the trust region ratio, i.e., values below this threshold cause the trust region to shrink for the next SBL iteration. The command expand_threshold determines the trust region value above which the trust region will expand for the next SBL iteration.

tr_pds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- search_method
- tr_pds

Use direct search as the local search in a trust region method

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `search_method` control is defined for all Newton-based optimizers and is used to select between `trust_region`, `gradient_based_line_search`, and `value_based_line_search` methods. The `gradient_based_line_search` option uses the line search method proposed by[61]. This option satisfies sufficient decrease and curvature conditions; whereas, `value_base_line_search` only satisfies the sufficient decrease condition. At each line search iteration, the `gradient_based_line_search` method computes the function and gradient at the trial point. Consequently, given expensive function evaluations, the `value_based_line_search` method is preferred to the `gradient_based_line_search` method. Each of these Newton methods additionally supports the `tr_pds` selection for unconstrained problems. This option performs a robust trust region search using pattern search techniques. Use of a line search is the default for bound-constrained and generally-constrained problems, and use of a `trust_region` search method is the default for unconstrained problems.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: argaez_tapia

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	el_bakry	El-Bakry merit function
			argaez_tapia	The merit function by Tapia and Argaez
			van_shanno	The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

el_bakry

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- merit_function
- el_bakry

El-Bakry merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "el_bakry" merit function is the L2-norm of the first order optimality conditions for the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is n+1 function evaluations. For more information, see[20].

argaez_tapia

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- merit_function
- argaez_tapia

The merit function by Tapia and Argaez

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "argaez_tapia" merit function can be classified as a modified augmented Lagrangian function. The augmented Lagrangian is modified by adding to its penalty term a potential reduction function to handle the perturbed complementarity condition. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information, see [80].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

van_shanno

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- merit_function
- van_shanno

The merit function by Vanderbei and Shanno

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The "van_shanno" merit function can be classified as a penalty function for the logarithmic barrier formulation of the nonlinear programming problem. The cost per linesearch iteration is one function evaluation. For more information see[82].

If the function evaluation is expensive or noisy, set the `merit_function` to "argaez_tapia" or "van_shanno".

steplength_to_boundary

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- steplength_to_boundary

Controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.8 (el_bakry), 0.99995 (argaez_tapia), 0.95 (van_shanno)

Description

The `steplength_to_boundary` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how close to the boundary of the feasible region the algorithm is allowed to move. A value of 1 means that the algorithm is allowed to take steps that may reach the boundary of the feasible region. If the user wishes to maintain strict feasibility of the design parameters this value should be less than 1. Default values are .8, .99995, and .95 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

centering_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- centering_parameter

Controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Merit function dependent: 0.2 (el_bakry), 0.2 (argaez_tapia), 0.1 (van_shanno)

Description

The `centering_parameter` specification is a parameter (between 0 and 1) that controls how closely the algorithm should follow the ”central path”. See[88] for the definition of central path. The larger the value, the more closely the algorithm follows the central path, which results in small steps. A value of 0 indicates that the algorithm will take a pure Newton step. Default values are .2, .2, and .1 for the `el_bakry`, `argaez_tapia`, and `van_shanno` merit functions, respectively.

max_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- max_step

Max change in design point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.

Description

The `max_step` control specifies the maximum step that can be taken when computing a change in the current design point (e.g., limiting the Newton step computed from current gradient and Hessian information). It is equivalent to a move limit or a maximum trust region size. The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

gradient_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- gradient_tolerance

Stopping critiera based on L2 norm of gradient

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `gradient_tolerance` control defines the threshold value on the L2 norm of the objective function gradient that indicates convergence to an unconstrained minimum (no active constraints). The `gradient_tolerance` control is defined for all gradient-based optimizers.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose.

In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The `speculative` specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The `speculative` specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for `vendor numerical` gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$
$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$
$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$
$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_newton
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.29 optpp_pds

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds

Simplex-based derivative free optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_optpp

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	search_scheme_size	Number of points to be used in the direct search template
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The direct search algorithm, PDS (parallel direct search method), supports bound constraints.

The PDS method can directly exploit asynchronous evaluations; however, this capability has not yet been implemented in Dakota.

See package_optpp for info related to all `optpp` methods.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- optpp_cg
- optpp_g_newton
- optpp_fd_newton
- optpp_newton
- optpp_g_newton

search_scheme_size

- Keywords Area

- method
- optpp_pds
- search_scheme_size

Number of points to be used in the direct search template

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 32

Description

The `search_scheme_size` is defined for the PDS method to specify the number of points to be used in the direct search template.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- optpp_pds
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.30 asynch_pattern_search

- Keywords Area

- method
- asynch_pattern_search

Pattern search, derivative free optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_hopspack
- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: coliny_apps

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_delta	Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers
	Optional		contraction_factor	Amount by which step length is rescaled
	Optional		threshold_delta	Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size
	Optional		solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional		synchronization	Select how Dakota schedules function evaluations in a pattern search
	Optional		merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

	Optional	constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function
	Optional	smoothing_factor	Smoothing value for smoothed penalty functions
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	constraint_tolerance	The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The asynchronous parallel pattern search (APPS) algorithm [37] is a fully asynchronous pattern search technique in that the search along each offset direction continues without waiting for searches along other directions to finish.

Currently, APPS only supports coordinate bases with a total of *2n* function evaluations in the pattern, and these patterns may only contract.

Concurrency

APPS exploits parallelism through the use of Dakota's concurrent function evaluations. The variant of the algorithm that is currently exposed, however, limits the amount of concurrency that can be exploited. In particular, APPS can leverage an evaluation concurrency level of at most twice the number of variables. More options that allow for greater evaluation concurrency may be exposed in future releases.

Algorithm Behavior

- `initial_delta`: the initial step length, must be positive
- `threshold_delta`: step length used to determine convergence, must be greater than or equal to 4.4e-16
- `contraction_factor`: amount by which step length is rescaled after unsuccesful iterates, must be strictly between 0 and 1

Merit Functions

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions that can be specified with the `merit_function` control. The options are as follows:

- `merit_max`: based on ℓ_∞ norm
- `merit_max_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_∞ norm
- `merit1`: based on ℓ_1 norm
- `merit1_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_1 norm
- `merit2`: based on ℓ_2 norm
- `merit2_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_2 norm
- `merit2_squared`: based on ℓ_2^2 norm

The user can also specify the following to affect the merit functions:

- constraint_penalty
- smoothing_parameter

Method Independent Controls

The only method independent controls that are currently mapped to APPS are:

- max_function_evaluations
- constraint_tolerance
- output

Note that while APPS treats the constraint tolerance separately for linear and nonlinear constraints, we apply the same value to both if the user specifies constraint_tolerance.

The APPS internal display level is mapped to the Dakota output settings as follows:

- debug: display final solution, all input parameters, variable and constraint info, trial points, search directions, and execution details
- verbose: display final solution, all input parameters, variable and constraint info, and trial points
- normal: display final solution, all input parameters, variable and constraint summaries, and new best points
- quiet: display final solution and all input parameters
- silent: display final solution

initial_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- initial_delta

Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.0

Description

If initial_delta is supplied by the user, it will be applied in an absolute sense in all coordinate directions. APPS documentation advocates choosing initial_delta to be the approximate distance from the initial point to the solution. If this is unknown, it is advisable to err on the side of choosing an initial_delta that is too large or to not specify it. In the latter case, APPS will take a full step to the boundary in each direction. Relative application of initial_delta is not available unless the user scales the problem accordingly.

contraction_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- contraction_factor

Amount by which step length is rescaled

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.5

Description

For pattern search methods, `contraction_factor` specifies the amount by which step length is rescaled after unsuccesful iterates, must be strictly between 0 and 1.

For methods that can expand the step length, the expansion is 1/ `contraction_factor`

threshold_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- threshold_delta

Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.01

Description

`threshold_delta` is the step length or pattern size used to determine convergence.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: no target

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

synchronization

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- synchronization

Select how Dakota schedules function evaluations in a pattern search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: nonblocking

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group synchronization (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** blocking	**Dakota Keyword Description** Evaluate all points in a pattern
			nonblocking	Evaluate points in the pattern until an improving point is found

Description

The `synchronization` specification can be used to specify the use of either `blocking` or `nonblocking` schedulers.

blocking

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- synchronization
- blocking

Evaluate all points in a pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the `blocking` case, all points in the pattern are evaluated (in parallel), and if the best of these trial points is an improving point, then it becomes the next iterate. These runs are reproducible, assuming use of the same seed in the stochastic case.

nonblocking

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- synchronization
- nonblocking

Evaluate points in the pattern until an improving point is found

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the `nonblocking` case, all points in the pattern may not be evaluated. The first improving point found becomes the next iterate. Since the algorithm steps will be subject to parallel timing variabilities, these runs will not generally be repeatable.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: merit2_squared

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
			merit_max	Nonsmoothed merit function
	Required*(Choose One)*	**merit function (Group 1)**	merit_max_smooth	Smoothed merit function
			merit1	Nonsmoothed merit function
			merit1_smooth	Smoothed merit function
			merit2	Nonsmoothed merit function
			merit2_smooth	Smoothed merit function
			merit2_squared	Nonsmoothed merit function

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

merit_max

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit_max

Nonsmoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.

`merit_max:` based on ℓ_∞ norm

merit_max_smooth

- Keywords Area
- method

- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit_max_smooth

Smoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.
`merit_max_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_∞ norm

merit1

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit1

Nonsmoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.

- `merit1`: based on ℓ_1 norm

merit1_smooth

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit1_smooth

Smoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.
`merit1_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_1 norm

merit2

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit2

Nonsmoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.
`merit2`: based on ℓ_2 norm

merit2_smooth

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit2_smooth

Smoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.
`merit2_smooth`: based on smoothed ℓ_2 norm

merit2_squared

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- merit_function
- merit2_squared

Nonsmoothed merit function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

APPS solves nonlinearly constrained problems by solving a sequence of linearly constrained merit function-base subproblems. There are several exact and smoothed exact penalty functions.
`merit2_squared`: based on ℓ_2^2 norm

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0

Description

Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.

smoothing_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- smoothing_factor

Smoothing value for smoothed penalty functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.0

Description

- `smoothing_parameter:` initial smoothing value for smoothed penalty functions, must be between 0 and 1 (inclusive)

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

constraint_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- constraint_tolerance

The maximum allowable value of constraint violation still considered to be feasible

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: Library default

Description

The `constraint_tolerance` specification determines the maximum allowable value of infeasibility that any constraint in an optimization problem may possess and still be considered to be satisfied.

If a constraint function is greater than this value then it is considered to be violated by the optimization algorithm. This specification gives some control over how tightly the constraints will be satisfied at convergence of the algorithm. However, if the value is set too small the algorithm may terminate with one or more constraints being violated.

This specification is currently meaningful for the NPSOL, NLSSOL, DOT and CONMIN constrained optimizers.

Defaults
Defaults can vary depending on the method.

- DOT constrained optimizers: 0.003
- NPSOL: dependent upon the machine precision, typically on the order of `1.e-8` for double precision computations

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored
2. value - multiplicative scaling
3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- asynch_pattern_search
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.31 mesh_adaptive_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search

Finds optimal variable values using adaptive mesh-based search

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		function_precision	Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		history_file	Name of file where mesh adaptive search records all evaluation points.
	Optional		display_format	Information to be reported from mesh adaptive search's internal records.
	Optional		variable_neighborhood_search	Percentage of evaluations to do to escape local minima.
	Optional		neighbor_order	Number of dimensions in which to perturb categorical variables.
	Optional		display_all_evaluations	Shows mesh adaptive search's internally held list of all evaluations

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The mesh adaptive direct search algorithm[9] is a derivative-free generalized pattern search in which the set of points evaluated becomes increasingly dense, leading to good convergence properties. It can handle unconstrained problems as well as those with bound constraints and general nonlinear constraints. Furthermore, it can handle continuous, discrete, and categorical variables.

Default Behavior

By default, `mesh_adaptive_search` operates on design variables. The types of variables can be expanded through the use of the `active` keyword in the variables block in the Dakota input file. Categorical variables, however, must be limited to design variables.

Expected Outputs

The best objective function value achieved and associated parameter and constraint values can be found at the end of the Dakota output. The method's internally summarized iteration history will appear in the screen output. It also generates a history file containing a list of all function evaluations done.

Additional Discussion

The mesh adaptive direct search method is made available in Dakota through the NOMAD software[2], available to the public under the GNU LGPL from `http://www.gerad.ca/nomad`.

Examples

The following is an example of a Dakota input file that makes use of `mesh_adaptive_search` to optimize the textbook function.

```
method,
        mesh_adaptive_search
        seed = 1234

variables,
        continuous_design = 3
          initial_point   -1.0    1.5   2.0
          upper_bounds    10.0   10.0  10.0
          lower_bounds   -10.0  -10.0 -10.0
          descriptors      'x1'  'x2'  'x3'

interface,
       direct
```

```
          analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
        objective_functions = 1
        no_gradients
        no_hessians
```

The best function value and associated parameters are found at the end of the Dakota output.

```
<<<<< Function evaluation summary: 674 total (674 new, 0 duplicate)
<<<<< Best parameters          =
                     1.0000000000e+00 x1
                     1.0000000000e+00 x2
                     1.0000000000e+00 x3
<<<<< Best objective function  =
                     1.0735377280e-52
<<<<< Best data captured at function evaluation 658
```

A NOMAD-generated iteration summary is also printed to the screen.

```
MADS run {

    BBE OBJ

       1    17.0625000000
       2    1.0625000000
      13    0.0625000000
      24    0.0002441406
      41    0.0000314713
      43    0.0000028610
      54    0.0000000037
      83    0.0000000000
     105    0.0000000000
     112    0.0000000000
     114    0.0000000000
     135    0.0000000000
     142    0.0000000000
     153    0.0000000000
     159    0.0000000000
     171    0.0000000000
     193    0.0000000000
     200    0.0000000000
     207    0.0000000000
     223    0.0000000000
     229    0.0000000000
     250    0.0000000000
     266    0.0000000000
     282    0.0000000000
     288    0.0000000000
     314    0.0000000000
     320    0.0000000000
     321    0.0000000000
     327    0.0000000000
     354    0.0000000000
     361    0.0000000000
     372    0.0000000000
     373    0.0000000000
     389    0.0000000000
     400    0.0000000000
     417    0.0000000000
     444    0.0000000000
     459    0.0000000000
```

```
     461    0.0000000000
     488    0.0000000000
     492    0.0000000000
     494    0.0000000000
     501    0.0000000000
     518    0.0000000000
     530    0.0000000000
     537    0.0000000000
     564    0.0000000000
     566    0.0000000000
     583    0.0000000000
     590    0.0000000000
     592    0.0000000000
     604    0.0000000000
     606    0.0000000000
     629    0.0000000000
     636    0.0000000000
     658    0.0000000000
     674    0.0000000000

} end of run (mesh size reached NOMAD precision)

blackbox evaluations                    : 674
best feasible solution                  : ( 1 1 1 ) h=0 f=1.073537728e-52
```

function_precision

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- function_precision

Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-10

Description

The `function_precision` control provides the algorithm with an estimate of the accuracy to which the problem functions can be computed. This is used to prevent the algorithm from trying to distinguish between function values that differ by less than the inherent error in the calculation.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search

- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

history_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- history_file

Name of file where mesh adaptive search records all evaluation points.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: mads_history

Description

The history_file is used to specify the name of a file to which mesh adaptive direct search will write its own list of evaluated points.

Default Behavior

By default, mesh adaptive direct search will write the list of evaluation points in a file named mads_history.-xxxx, where xxxx corresponds to a randomly generated number.

Examples

The example below shows the syntax for specifying the name of the history file.

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    history_file = 'output.log'
    seed = 1234
```

display_format

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- display_format

Information to be reported from mesh adaptive search's internal records.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

The display_format keyword is used to specify the set of information to be reported by the mesh adaptive direct search method. This is information mostly internal to the method and not reported via Dakota output.

Default Behavior

By default, only the number of function evaluations (bbe) and the objective function value (obj) are reported. The full list of options is as follows. Note that case does not matter.

- BBE: Blackbox evaluations.
- BBO: Blackbox outputs.
- EVAL: Evaluations (includes cache hits).
- MESH_INDEX: Mesh index.
- MESH_SIZE: Mesh size parameter.
- OBJ: Objective function value.
- POLL_SIZE: Poll size parameter.

- SOL: Solution, with format iSOLj where i and j are two (optional) strings: i will be displayed before each coordinate, and j after each coordinate (except the last).
- STAT_AVG: The AVG statistic.
- STAT_SUM: The SUM statistic defined by argument.
- TIME: Wall-clock time.
- VARi: Value of variable i. The index 0 corresponds to the first variable.

Expected Outputs

A list of the requested information will be printed to the screen.

Usage Tips

This will most likely only be useful for power users who want to understand and/or report more detailed information on method behavior.

Examples

The following example shows the syntax for specifying `display_format`. Note that all desired information options should be listed within a single string.

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    display_format 'bbe obj poll_size'
    seed = 1234
```

Below is the output reported for the above example.

```
MADS run {

    BBE OBJ POLL_SIZE

       1    17.0625000000   2.0000000000 2.0000000000 2.0000000000
       2    1.0625000000    2.0000000000 2.0000000000 2.0000000000
      13    0.0625000000    1.0000000000 1.0000000000 1.0000000000
      24    0.0002441406    0.5000000000 0.5000000000 0.5000000000
      41    0.0000314713    0.1250000000 0.1250000000 0.1250000000
      43    0.0000028610    0.2500000000 0.2500000000 0.2500000000
      54    0.0000000037    0.1250000000 0.1250000000 0.1250000000
      83    0.0000000000    0.0078125000 0.0078125000 0.0078125000
     105    0.0000000000    0.0009765625 0.0009765625 0.0009765625
     112    0.0000000000    0.0009765625 0.0009765625 0.0009765625
     114    0.0000000000    0.0019531250 0.0019531250 0.0019531250
     135    0.0000000000    0.0004882812 0.0004882812 0.0004882812
     142    0.0000000000    0.0004882812 0.0004882812 0.0004882812
     153    0.0000000000    0.0004882812 0.0004882812 0.0004882812
     159    0.0000000000    0.0009765625 0.0009765625 0.0009765625
     171    0.0000000000    0.0004882812 0.0004882812 0.0004882812
     193    0.0000000000    0.0000610352 0.0000610352 0.0000610352
     200    0.0000000000    0.0000610352 0.0000610352 0.0000610352
     207    0.0000000000    0.0000610352 0.0000610352 0.0000610352
     223    0.0000000000    0.0000305176 0.0000305176 0.0000305176
     229    0.0000000000    0.0000610352 0.0000610352 0.0000610352
     250    0.0000000000    0.0000152588 0.0000152588 0.0000152588
     266    0.0000000000    0.0000076294 0.0000076294 0.0000076294
     282    0.0000000000    0.0000038147 0.0000038147 0.0000038147
     288    0.0000000000    0.0000076294 0.0000076294 0.0000076294
     314    0.0000000000    0.0000009537 0.0000009537 0.0000009537
```

```
     320    0.0000000000    0.0000019073 0.0000019073 0.0000019073
     321    0.0000000000    0.0000038147 0.0000038147 0.0000038147
     327    0.0000000000    0.0000076294 0.0000076294 0.0000076294
     354    0.0000000000    0.0000004768 0.0000004768 0.0000004768
     361    0.0000000000    0.0000004768 0.0000004768 0.0000004768
     372    0.0000000000    0.0000004768 0.0000004768 0.0000004768
     373    0.0000000000    0.0000009537 0.0000009537 0.0000009537
     389    0.0000000000    0.0000004768 0.0000004768 0.0000004768
     400    0.0000000000    0.0000004768 0.0000004768 0.0000004768
     417    0.0000000000    0.0000001192 0.0000001192 0.0000001192
     444    0.0000000000    0.0000000075 0.0000000075 0.0000000075
     459    0.0000000000    0.0000000037 0.0000000037 0.0000000037
     461    0.0000000000    0.0000000075 0.0000000075 0.0000000075
     488    0.0000000000    0.0000000005 0.0000000005 0.0000000005
     492    0.0000000000    0.0000000009 0.0000000009 0.0000000009
     494    0.0000000000    0.0000000019 0.0000000019 0.0000000019
     501    0.0000000000    0.0000000019 0.0000000019 0.0000000019
     518    0.0000000000    0.0000000005 0.0000000005 0.0000000005
     530    0.0000000000    0.0000000002 0.0000000002 0.0000000002
     537    0.0000000000    0.0000000002 0.0000000002 0.0000000002
     564    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     566    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     583    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     590    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     592    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     604    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     606    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     629    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     636    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     658    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000
     674    0.0000000000    0.0000000000 0.0000000000 0.0000000000

} end of run (mesh size reached NOMAD precision)

blackbox evaluations                    : 674
best feasible solution                  : ( 1 1 1 ) h=0 f=1.073537728e-52
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- display_all_evaluations

variable_neighborhood_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- variable_neighborhood_search

Percentage of evaluations to do to escape local minima.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 0.0

Description

The variable_neighborhood_search keyword is used to set the percentage (in decimal form) of function evaluations used to escape local minima. The mesh adaptive direct search method will try to perform a maximum of that percentage of the function evaluations within this more extensive search.

Default Behavior

By default, variable_neighborhood_search is not used.

Usage Tips

Using variable_neighborhood_search results in an increased number of function evaluations. If the desired result is a local minimum, the added cost is of little or no value, so the recommendation is not to use it. If the desired result is the best local minimum possible within a computational budget, then there is value in setting this parameter. Note that the higher the value, the greater the computational cost.

Examples

The following example shows the syntax used to set variable_neighborhood_search.

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    seed = 1234
    variable_neighborhood_search = 0.1
```

neighbor_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- neighbor_order

Number of dimensions in which to perturb categorical variables.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The neighbor_order keyword allows the user to specify the number of categorical dimensions to perturb when determining neighboring points that will be used by the mesh adaptive direct search method to augment its search. When greater than 1, the neighbors are defined from the tensor product of the admissible 1-dimensional perturbations.

Default Behavior

By default, the categorical neighbors will be defined by perturbing only one categorical variable at a time (according to the corresponding adjacency_matrix; see adjacency_matrix) while leaving the others fixed at their current values.

Usage Tips

The maximum meaningful value neighbor_order can take on is the number of categorical variables.

Examples

In this example, suppose we have the following categorical variables and associated adjacency matrices.

```
variables
  discrete_design_set
    real = 2
      categorical yes yes
      num_set_values = 3 5
      set_values = 1.2 2.3 3.4
                   1.2 3.3 4.4 5.5 7.7
      adjacency_matrix = 1 1 0
                         1 1 1
                         0 1 1
                         1 0 1 0 1
                         0 1 0 1 0
                         1 0 1 0 1
                         0 1 0 1 0
                         1 0 1 0 1
```

Also suppose that we have the following method specification.

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    seed = 1234
```

If the mesh adaptive direct search is at the point (1.2, 1.2), then the neighbors will be defined by the default 1-dimensional perturbations and would be the following:

```
(2.3, 1.2)
(1.2, 4.4)
(1.2, 7.7)
```

If, instead, the method specification is the following:

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    seed = 1234
    neighbor_order = 2
```

The neighbors will be defined by 2-dimensional perturbations defined from the tensor product of the 1-dimensional perturbation and would be the following:

```
(2.3, 1.2)
(2.3, 4.4)
(2.3, 7.7)
(1.2, 4.4)
(1.2, 7.7)
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adjacency_matrix

display_all_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- display_all_evaluations

Shows mesh adaptive search's internally held list of all evaluations

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: false

Description

If set, `display_all_evaluations` will instruct the mesh adaptive direct search method to print out its own record of all evaluations. The information reported may be controlled using display_format.

Default Behavior

By default, mesh adaptive direct search does not report information on all evaluations, only on those for which an improvement in the objective function is found.

Expected Outputs

The information specified by `display_format` will be reported to the screen for every function evaluation.

Usage Tips

This will most likely only be useful for power users who want to understand and/or report more detailed information on method behavior.

Examples

The following example shows the syntax for specifying `display_all_evaluations`.

```
method
  mesh_adaptive_search
    display_all_evaluations
    max_function evaluations=20
    seed = 1234
```

Note that the output below reports information (default for `display_format`) for all function evaluations.

```
MADS run {

    BBE OBJ

     1  17.0625000000
     2  1.0625000000
     3  1297.0625000000
     4  257.0625000000
     5  81.0625000000
     6  151.0625000000
     7  1051.0625000000
     8  40.0625000000
     9  17.0625000000
```

```
    10  40.0625000000
    11  1.0625000000
    12  102.0625000000
    13  0.0625000000
    14  231.0625000000
    15  16.0625000000
    16  5.0625000000
    17  16.0625000000
    18  71.0625000000
    19  0.0625000000
    20  1.0625000000

} end of run (max number of blackbox evaluations)

blackbox evaluations                    : 20
best feasible solution                  : ( 1 0.5 1 ) h=0 f=0.0625
```

That is in contrast with what would be reported by default.

```
MADS run {

    BBE OBJ

     1  17.0625000000
     2  1.0625000000
    13  0.0625000000
    20  0.0625000000

} end of run (max number of blackbox evaluations)

blackbox evaluations                    : 20
best feasible solution                  : ( 1 0.5 1 ) h=0 f=0.0625
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- display_format

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- mesh_adaptive_search
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.32 moga

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga

Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_jega

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		fitness_type	Select the fitness type for JEGA methods
	Optional		replacement_type	Select a replacement type for JEGA methods
	Optional		niching_type	Specify the type of niching pressure
	Optional		convergence_type	Select the convergence type for JEGA methods
	Optional		postprocessor_type	Post process the final solution from `moga`

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	population_size	Set the initial population size in JEGA methods
	Optional	log_file	Specify the name of a log file
	Optional	print_each_pop	Print every population to a population file
	Optional	initialization_type	Specify how to initialize the population
	Optional	crossover_type	Select a crossover type for JEGA methods
	Optional	mutation_type	Select a mutation type for JEGA methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

`moga` stands for Multi-objective Genetic Algorithm, which is a global optimization method that does Pareto optimization for multiple objectives. It supports general constraints and a mixture of real and discrete variables.

Constraints

`moga` can utilize linear constraints using the keywords: -∗ linear_inequality_constraint_matrix -∗ linear_inequality_lower_bounds -∗ linear_inequality_upper_bounds -∗ linear_inequality_scale_types -∗ linear_inequality_scales -∗ linear_equality_constraint_matrix -∗ linear_equality_targets -∗ linear_equality_scale_types -∗ linear_equality_scales

Configuration

The genetic algorithm configurations are:

1. fitness

2. replacement

3. niching
4. convergence
5. postprocessor
6. initialization
7. crossover
8. mutation
9. population size

The steps followed by the algorithm are listed below. The configurations will effect how the algorithm completes each step.

Stopping Criteria

The `moga` method respects the `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` method independent controls to provide integer limits for the maximum number of generations and function evaluations, respectively.

The algorithm also stops when convergence is reached. This involves repeated assessment of the algorithm's progress in solving the problem, until some criterion is met.

The specification for convergence in a moga can either be `metric_tracker` or can be omitted all together. If omitted, no convergence algorithm will be used and the algorithm will rely on stopping criteria only.

Outputs

The `moga` method respects the `output` method independent control to vary the amount of information presented to the user during execution.

The final results are written to the Dakota tabular output. Additional information is also available - see the `log_file` and `print_each_pop` keywords.

Note that moga and SOGA create additional output files during execution. "finaldata.dat" is a file that holds the final set of Pareto optimal solutions after any post-processing is complete. "discards.dat" holds solutions that were discarded from the population during the course of evolution.

It can often be useful to plot objective function values from these files to visually see the Pareto front and ensure that finaldata.dat solutions dominate discards.dat solutions. The solutions are written to these output files in the format "Input1...InputN..Output1...OutputM".

Important Notes

The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring.

Choice of fitness assessors is strongly related to the type of replacement algorithm being used and can have a profound effect on the solutions selected for the next generation.

If using the fitness types `layer_rank` or `domination_count`, it is strongly recommended that you use the `replacement_type` `below_limit` (although the roulette wheel selectors can also be used).

The functionality of the domination_count selector of JEGA v1.0 can now be achieved using the `domination_count` fitness type and `below_limit` replacement type.

Theory

The basic steps of the `moga` algorithm are as follows:

1. Initialize the population
2. Evaluate the population (calculate the values of the objective function and constraints for each population member)

3. Loop until converged, or stopping criteria reached
   (a) Perform crossover
   (b) Perform mutation
   (c) Evaluate the new population
   (d) Assess the fitness of each member in the population
   (e) Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation
   (f) Apply niche pressure to the population
   (g) Test for convergence
4. Perform post processing

If moga is used in a hybrid optimization method (which requires one optimal solution from each individual optimization method to be passed to the subsequent optimization method as its starting point), the solution in the Pareto set closest to the "utopia" point is given as the best solution. This solution is also reported in the Dakota output.

This "best" solution in the Pareto set has minimum distance from the utopia point. The utopia point is defined as the point of extreme (best) values for each objective function. For example, if the Pareto front is bounded by (1,100) and (90,2), then (1,2) is the utopia point. There will be a point in the Pareto set that has minimum L2-norm distance to this point, for example (10,10) may be such a point.

If moga is used in a method which may require passing multiple solutions to the next level (such as the `surrogate_based_global` method or `hybrid` methods), the `orthogonal_distance` postprocessor type may be used to specify the distances between each solution value to winnow down the solutions in the full Pareto front to a subset which will be passed to the next iteration.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- soga

fitness_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- fitness_type

Select the fitness type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: domination_count

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword layer_rank	Dakota Keyword Description Assign each member to a layer, based on domination the rank based on layers
			domination_count	Rank each member by the number of members that dominate it

Description

The two JEGA methods use different fitness types, which are described on their respective pages.

layer_rank

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- fitness_type
- layer_rank

Assign each member to a layer, based on domination the rank based on layers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `fitness_type: layer_rank` has been specifically designed to avoid problems with aggregating and scaling objective function values and transforming them into a single objective.

The `layer_rank` fitness assessor works by assigning all non-dominated designs a layer of 0, then from what remains, assigning all the non-dominated a layer of 1, and so on until all designs have been assigned a layer. The values are negated to follow the higher-is-better fitness convention.

Use of the `below_limit` selector with the `layer_rank` fitness assessor has the effect of keeping all those designs whose layer is below a certain threshold again subject to the shrinkage limit.

domination_count

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga

- fitness_type
- domination_count

Rank each member by the number of members that dominate it

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `fitness_type: domination_count` has been specifically designed to avoid problems with aggregating and scaling objective function values and transforming them into a single objective.

Instead, the `domination_count` fitness assessor works by ordering population members by the negative of the number of designs that dominate them. The values are negated in keeping with the convention that higher fitness is better.

The `layer_rank` fitness assessor works by assigning all non-dominated designs a layer of 0, then from what remains, assigning all the non-dominated a layer of 1, and so on until all designs have been assigned a layer. Again, the values are negated for the higher-is-better fitness convention.

Use of the `below_limit` selector with the `domination_count` fitness assessor has the effect of keeping all designs that are dominated by fewer then a limiting number of other designs subject to the shrinkage limit.

Using it with the `layer_rank` fitness assessor has the effect of keeping all those designs whose layer is below a certain threshold again subject to the shrinkage limit.

replacement_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type

Select a replacement type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: below_limit

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	elitist	Use the best designs to form a new population

			roulette_wheel	Replace population
			unique_roulette_-wheel	Replace population
			below_limit	Limit number of designs dominating those kept

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs.

In `roulette_wheel` replacement, each design is conceptually allotted a portion of a wheel proportional to its fitness relative to the fitnesses of the other Designs. Then, portions of the wheel are chosen at random and the design occupying those portions are duplicated into the next population. Those Designs allotted larger portions of the wheel are more likely to be selected (potentially many times). `unique_roulette_wheel` replacement is the same as `roulette_wheel` replacement, with the exception that a design may only be selected once. The `below_limit` selector attempts to keep all designs for which the negated fitness is below a certain limit. The values are negated to keep with the convention that higher fitness is better. The inputs to the `below_limit` selector are the limit as a real value, and a `shrinkage_percentage` as a real value. The `shrinkage_-percentage` defines the minimum amount of selections that will take place if enough designs are available. It is interpreted as a percentage of the population size that must go on to the subsequent generation. To enforce this, `below_limit` makes all the selections it would make anyway and if that is not enough, it takes the remaining that it needs from the best of what is left (effectively raising its limit as far as it must to get the minimum number of selections). It continues until it has made enough selections. The `shrinkage_percentage` is designed to prevent extreme decreases in the population size at any given generation, and thus prevent a big loss of genetic diversity in a very short time. Without a shrinkage limit, a small group of "super" designs may appear and quickly cull the population down to a size on the order of the limiting value. In this case, all the diversity of the population is lost and it is expensive to re-diversify and spread the population. The

The `replacement_type` for a SOGA may be `roulette_wheel`, `unique_roulette_wheel`, `elitist`, or `favor_feasible`. The `elitist` selector simply chooses the required number of designs taking the most fit. For example, if 100 selections are requested, then the top 100 designs as ranked by fitness will be selected and the remaining will be discarded. The `favor_feasible` replacement type first considers feasibility as a selection criteria. If that does not produce a "winner" then it moves on to considering fitness value. Because of this, any fitness assessor used with the `favor_feasible` selector must only account objectives in the creation of fitness. Therefore, there is such a fitness assessor and it's use is enforced when the `favor_feasible` selector is chosen. In that case, and if the output level is set high enough, a message will be presented indicating that the `weighted_sum_only` fitness assessor will be used.

elitist

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type

- elitist

Use the best designs to form a new population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `elitist` (default) setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the current population, (b) and `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from the newly generated individuals. It is possible in this case to lose a good solution from the newly generated individuals if it is not randomly selected for replacement; however, the default `new_solutions_generated` value is set such that the entire set of newly generated individuals will be selected for replacement.

roulette_wheel

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type
- roulette_wheel

Replace population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs. The `replacement_type` of `favor_feasible` is specific to a SOGA. This replacement operator will always prefer a more feasible design to a less feasible one. Beyond that, it favors solutions based on an assigned fitness value which must have been installed by the weighted sum only fitness assessor (see the discussion below).

unique_roulette_wheel

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type
- unique_roulette_wheel

Replace population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs. The `replacement_type` of `favor_feasible` is specific to a SOGA. This replacement operator will always prefer a more feasible design to a less feasible one. Beyond that, it favors solutions based on an assigned fitness value which must have been installed by the weighted sum only fitness assessor (see the discussion below).

below_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type
- below_limit

Limit number of designs dominating those kept

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 6

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		shrinkage_fraction	Decrease the population size by a percentage

Description

The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs.

shrinkage_fraction

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- replacement_type
- below_limit
- shrinkage_fraction

Decrease the population size by a percentage

Specification

Alias: shrinkage_percentage
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.9

Description

As of JEGA v2.0, all replacement types are common to both MOGA and SOGA. They include the `roulette_wheel`, `unique_roulette_wheel`, `elitist`, and `below_limit` selectors. In roulette_wheel replacement, each design is conceptually allotted a portion of a wheel proportional to its fitness relative to the fitnesses of the other Designs. Then, portions of the wheel are chosen at random and the design occupying those portions are duplicated into the next population. Those Designs allotted larger portions of the wheel are more likely to be selected (potentially many times). `unique_roulette_wheel` replacement is the same as `roulette_wheel` replacement, with the exception that a design may only be selected once. The `below_limit` selector attempts to keep all designs for which the negated fitness is below a certain limit. The values are negated to keep with the convention that higher fitness is better. The inputs to the `below_limit` selector are the limit as a real value, and a `shrinkage_percentage` as a real value. The `shrinkage_percentage` defines the minimum amount of selections that will take place if enough designs are available. It is interpreted as a percentage of the population size that must go on to the subsequent generation. To enforce this, `below_limit` makes all the selections it would make anyway and if that is not enough, it takes the remaining that it needs from the best of what is left (effectively raising its limit as far as it must to get the minimum number of selections). It continues until it has made enough selections. The `shrinkage_percentage` is designed to prevent extreme decreases in the population size at any given generation, and thus prevent a big loss of genetic diversity in a very short time. Without a shrinkage limit, a small group of ”super” designs may appear and quickly cull the population down to

a size on the order of the limiting value. In this case, all the diversity of the population is lost and it is expensive to re-diversify and spread the population. The `elitist` selector simply chooses the required number of designs taking the most fit. For example, if 100 selections are requested, then the top 100 designs as ranked by fitness will be selected and the remaining will be discarded.

niching_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- niching_type

Specify the type of niching pressure

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: No niche pressure

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** radial	**Dakota Keyword Description** Set niching distance to percentage of non-dominated range
			distance	Enforce minimum Euclidean distance between designs
			max_designs	Limit number of solutions to remain in the population

Description

The purpose of niching is to encourage differentiation along the Pareto frontier and thus a more even and uniform sampling.

This is typically accomplished by discouraging clustering of design points in the performance space. In JEGA, the application of niche pressure occurs as a secondary selection operation. The nicher is given a chance to perform a pre-selection operation prior to the operation of the selection (replacement) operator, and is then called to perform niching on the set of designs that were selected by the selection operator.

The radial nicher takes information input from the user to compute a minimum allowable distance between designs in the performance space and acts as a secondary selection operator whereby it enforces this minimum distance. The distance nicher requires that solutions must be separated from other solutions by a minimum distance in each dimension (vs. Euclidean distance for the radial niching). After niching is complete, all designs in the population will be at least the minimum distance from one another in all directions.

The `radial` niche pressure applicator works by enforcing a minimum Euclidean distance between designs in the performance space at each generation. The algorithm proceeds by starting at the (or one of the) extreme

designs along objective dimension 0 and marching through the population removing all designs that are too close to the current design. One exception to the rule is that the algorithm will never remove an extreme design which is defined as a design that is maximal or minimal in all but 1 objective dimension (for a classical 2 objective problem, the extreme designs are those at the tips of the non-dominated frontier). The `distance` nicher enforces a minimimum distance in each dimension.

The designs that are removed by the nicher are not discarded. They are buffered and re-inserted into the population during the next pre-selection operation. This way, the selector is still the only operator that discards designs and the algorithm will not waste time "re-filling" gaps created by the nicher.

The `radial` nicher requires as input a vector of fractions with length equal to the number of objectives. The elements of the vector are interpreted as percentages of the non-dominated range for each objective defining a minimum distance to all other designs. All values should be in the range (0, 1). The minimum allowable distance between any two designs in the performance space is the Euclidian (simple square-root-sum-of-squares calculation) distance defined by these percentages. The `distance` nicher has a similar input vector requirement, only the distance is the minimum distance in each dimension.

The `max_designs` niche pressure applicator is designed to choose a limited number of solutions to remain in the population. That number is specified by `num_designs`. It does so in order to balance the tendency for populations to grow very large and thus consuming too many computer resources. It operates by ranking designs according to their fitness standing and a computed count of how many other designs are too close to them. Too close is a function of the supplied niche_vector, which specifies the minimum distance between any two points in the performance space along each dimension individually. Once the designs are all ranked, the top c\ num_-designs designs are kept in the population and the remaining ones are bufferred or discarded. Note that like other niching operators, this one will not discard an extreme design.

radial

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- niching_type
- radial

Set niching distance to percentage of non-dominated range

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 0.01 for all objectives

Description

The `radial` nicher requires as input a vector of fractions with length equal to the number of objectives. The elements of the vector are interpreted as percentages of the non-dominated range for each objective defining a minimum distance to all other designs. All values should be in the range (0, 1). The minimum allowable distance between any two designs in the performance space is the Euclidian (simple square-root-sum-of-squares calculation) distance defined by these percentages. The `distance` nicher has a similar input vector requirement, only the distance is the minimum distance in each dimension.

distance

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- niching_type
- distance

Enforce minimum Euclidean distance between designs

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Currently, the only niche pressure operators available are the `radial` nicher, the `distance` nicher, and the `max_designs` nicher. The `radial` niche pressure applicator works by enforcing a minimum Euclidean distance between designs in the performance space at each generation. The algorithm proceeds by starting at the (or one of the) extreme designs along objective dimension 0 and marching through the population removing all designs that are too close to the current design. One exception to the rule is that the algorithm will never remove an extreme design which is defined as a design that is maximal or minimal in all but 1 objective dimension (for a classical 2 objective problem, the extreme designs are those at the tips of the non-dominated frontier). The `distance` nicher enforces a minimimum distance in each dimension.

The designs that are removed by the nicher are not discarded. They are buffered and re-inserted into the population during the next pre-selection operation. This way, the selector is still the only operator that discards designs and the algorithm will not waste time ”re-filling” gaps created by the nicher.

max_designs

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- niching_type
- max_designs

Limit number of solutions to remain in the population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_designs	Limit the number of solutions

Description

The max_designs niche pressure applicator is designed to choose a limited number of solutions to remain in the population. That number is specified by num_designs. It does so in order to balance the tendency for populations to grow very large and thus consuming too many computer resources. It operates by ranking designs according to their fitness standing and a computed count of how many other designs are too close to them. Too close is a function of the supplied niche_vector, which specifies the minimum distance between any two points in the performance space along each dimension individually. Once the designs are all ranked, the top c\ num_-designs designs are kept in the population and the remaining ones are bufferred or discarded. Note that like other niching operators, this one will not discard an extreme design.

num_designs

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- niching_type
- max_designs
- num_designs

Limit the number of solutions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100

Description

The max_designs niche pressure applicator is designed to choose a limited number of solutions to remain in the population. That number is specified by num_designs. It does so in order to balance the tendency for populations to grow very large and thus consuming too many computer resources. It operates by ranking designs according to their fitness standing and a computed count of how many other designs are too close to them. Too close is a function of the supplied niche_vector, which specifies the minimum distance between any two points in the performance space along each dimension individually. Once the designs are all ranked, the top c\ num_-designs designs are kept in the population and the remaining ones are bufferred or discarded. Note that like other niching operators, this one will not discard an extreme design.

convergence_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- convergence_type

Select the convergence type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: average_fitness_tracker

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		metric_tracker	Track changes in the non-dominated frontier
	Optional		percent_change	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods
	Optional		num_generations	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Description

The two JEGA methods use different convergence types, which are described on their respective pages.

All the convergence types are modified by the optional keywords `percent_change` and `num_generations`.

metric_tracker

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- convergence_type
- metric_tracker

Track changes in the non-dominated frontier

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: metric_tracker

Description

The moga converger (`metric_tracker`) operates by tracking various changes in the non-dominated frontier from generation to generation. When the changes occurring over a user specified number of generations fall below a user specified threshold, the algorithm stops.

If `metric_tracker` is specified, then a `percent_change` and `num_generations` must be supplied as well. These are listed as optional keywords in the input spec.

Theory

The `metric_tracker` converger tracks 3 metrics specific to the non-dominated frontier from generation to generation. All 3 of these metrics are computed as percent changes between the generations. In order to compute these metrics, the converger stores a duplicate of the non-dominated frontier at each generation for comparison to the non-dominated frontier of the next generation.

The first metric is one that indicates how the expanse of the frontier is changing. The expanse along a given objective is defined by the range of values existing within the non-dominated set. The expansion metric is computed by tracking the extremes of the non-dominated frontier from one generation to the next. Any movement of the extreme values is noticed and the maximum percentage movement is computed as:

```
Em = max over j of abs((range(j, i) - range(j, i-1)) /
range(j, i-1)) j=1,nof
```

where Em is the max expansion metric, j is the objective function index, i is the current generation number, and nof is the total number of objectives. The range is the difference between the largest value along an objective and the smallest when considering only non-dominated designs.

The second metric monitors changes in the density of the non-dominated set. The density metric is computed as the number of non-dominated points divided by the hypervolume of the non-dominated region of space. Therefore, changes in the density can be caused by changes in the number of non-dominated points or by changes in size of the non-dominated space or both. The size of the non-dominated space is computed as:

```
Vps(i) = product over j of range(j, i)  j=1,nof
```

where Vps(i) is the hypervolume of the non-dominated space at generation i and all other terms have the same meanings as above.

The density of the a given non-dominated space is then:

```
Dps(i) = Pct(i) / Vps(i)
```

where Pct(i) is the number of points on the non-dominated frontier at generation i.

The percentage increase in density of the frontier is then calculated as

```
Cd = abs((Dps(i) - Dps(i-1)) / Dps(i-1))
```

where Cd is the change in density metric.

The final metric is one that monitors the ”goodness” of the non-dominated frontier. This metric is computed by considering each design in the previous population and determining if it is dominated by any designs in the current population. All that are determined to be dominated are counted. The metric is the ratio of the number that are dominated to the total number that exist in the previous population.

As mentioned above, each of these metrics is a percentage. The tracker records the largest of these three at each generation. Once the recorded percentage is below the supplied percent change for the supplied number of generations consecutively, the algorithm is converged.

percent_change

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- convergence_type
- percent_change

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `percent_change` is the threshold beneath which convergence is attained whereby it is compared to the metric value computed.

num_generations

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- convergence_type
- num_generations

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10

Description

The `num_generations` is the number of generations over which the metric value should be tracked. Convergence will be attained if the recorded metric is below `percent_change` for `num_generations` consecutive generations.

postprocessor_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- postprocessor_type

Post process the final solution from `moga`

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: No post-processing of solutions

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		orthogonal_-distance	Get subset of Pareto front based on distance

Description

The purpose of this operation is to perform any needed data manipulations on the final solution deemed necessary. Currently the `orthogonal_distance` is the only one. It reduces the final solution set size such that a minimum distance in each direction exists between any two designs.

orthogonal_distance

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- postprocessor_type
- orthogonal_distance

Get subset of Pareto front based on distance

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 0.01 for all objectives

Description

Note that MOGA and SOGA create additional output files during execution. ”finaldata.dat” is a file that holds the final set of Pareto optimal solutions after any post-processing is complete. ”discards.dat” holds solutions that were discarded from the population during the course of evolution. It can often be useful to plot objective function values from these files to visually see the Pareto front and ensure that finaldata.dat solutions dominate discards.dat solutions. The solutions are written to these output files in the format ”Input1...InputN..Output1...OutputM”. If MOGA is used in a hybrid optimization meta-iteration (which requires one optimal solution from each individual optimization method to be passed to the subsequent optimization method as its starting point), the solution in the Pareto set closest to the ”utopia” point is given as the best solution. This solution is also reported in the Dakota output. This ”best” solution in the Pareto set has minimum distance from the utopia point. The utopia point is defined as the point of extreme (best) values for each objective function. For example, if the Pareto front is bounded by (1,100) and (90,2), then (1,2) is the utopia point. There will be a point in the Pareto set that has minimum L2-norm distance to this point, for example (10,10) may be such a point. In SOGA, the solution that minimizes the single objective function is returned as the best solution. If moga is used in meta-iteration which may require passing multiple solutions to the next level (such as the `surrogate_based_global` or `hybrid` methods), the `orthogonal_distance` postprocessor type may be used to specify the distances between each solution value to winnow down the solutions in the full Pareto front to a subset which will be passed to the next iteration.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified

- 'auto' - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in linear_inequality_scales may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of linear_inequality_scale_type :

- scale_type - behavior of linear_inequality_scales
- 'none' - ignored

- 'value' - required
- 'auto' - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = ”none”

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also max_iterations.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the scaling keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the scaling keyword is omitted, all _scale_types and *_scales specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored

2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

population_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- population_size

Set the initial population size in JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 50

Description

The number of designs in the initial population is specified by the `population_size`. Note that the `population_size` only sets the size of the initial population. The population size may vary in the JEGA methods according to the type of operators chosen for a particular optimization run.

log_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- log_file

Specify the name of a log file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: JEGAGlobal.log

Description

New as of JEGA v2.0 is the introduction of the `log_file` specification. JEGA now uses a logging library to output messages and status to the user. JEGA can be configured at build time to log to both the console window and a text file, one or the other, or neither. The `log_file` input is a string name of a file into which to log. If the build was configured without file logging in JEGA, this input is ignored. If file logging is enabled and no `log_file` is specified, the default file name of JEGAGlobal.log is used.

print_each_pop

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- print_each_pop

Print every population to a population file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No printing

Description

New to JEGA v2.0 is the introduction of the `print_each_pop` specification. It serves as a flag and if supplied, the population at each generation will be printed to a file named "population<GEN#>.dat" where <GEN#> is the number of the current generation.

initialization_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- initialization_type

Specify how to initialize the population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: unique_random

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	simple_random	Create random initial solutions
			unique_random	Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)

			flat_file	Read initial solutions from file

Description

The `initialization_type` defines how the initial population is created for the GA. There are three types:

1. `simple_random`
2. `unique_random` (default)
3. `flat_file`

Setting the size for the `flat_file` initializer has the effect of requiring a minimum number of designs to create. If this minimum number has not been created once the files are all read, the rest are created using the `unique_random` initializer and then the `simple_random` initializer if necessary.

simple_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- initialization_type
- simple_random

Create random initial solutions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

`simple_random` creates initial solutions with random variable values according to a uniform random number distribution. It gives no consideration to any previously generated designs.

unique_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- initialization_type
- unique_random

Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`unique_random` is the same as `simple_random`, except that when a new solution is generated, it is checked against the rest of the solutions. If it duplicates any of them, it is rejected.

flat_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- initialization_type
- flat_file

Read initial solutions from file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`flat_file` allows the initial population to be read from a flat file. If `flat_file` is specified, a file name must be given.

Variables can be delimited in the flat file in any way you see fit with a few exceptions. The delimiter must be the same on any given line of input with the exception of leading and trailing whitespace. So a line could look like: 1.1, 2.2 ,3.3 for example but could not look like: 1.1, 2.2 3.3. The delimiter can vary from line to line within the file which can be useful if data from multiple sources is pasted into the same input file. The delimiter can be any string that does not contain any of the characters .+-dDeE or any of the digits 0-9. The input will be read until the end of the file. The algorithm will discard any configurations for which it was unable to retrieve at least the number of design variables. The objective and constraint entries are not required but if ALL are present, they will be recorded and the design will be tagged as evaluated so that evaluators may choose not to re-evaluate them.

Setting the size for this initializer has the effect of requiring a minimum number of designs to create. If this minimum number has not been created once the files are all read, the rest are created using the `unique_random` initializer and then the `simple_random` initializer if necessary.

crossover_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type

Select a crossover type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: shuffle_random

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	multi_point_binary	Use bit switching for crossover events
			multi_point_-parameterized_-binary	Use bit switching to crossover each design variable
			multi_point_real	Perform crossover in real valued genome
			shuffle_random	Perform crossover by choosing design variable(s)
	Optional		crossover_rate	Specify the probability of a crossover event

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

The final crossover type is `shuffle_random`. This crossover type performs crossover by choosing design variables at random from a specified number of parents enough times that the requested number of children are produced. For example, consider the case of 3 parents producing 2 children. This operator would go through and for each design variable, select one of the parents as the donor for the child. So it creates a random shuffle of the parent design variable values. The relative numbers of children and parents are controllable to allow for as much mixing as desired. The more parents involved, the less likely that the children will wind up exact duplicates of the parents.

All crossover types take a `crossover_rate`. The crossover rate is used to calculate the number of crossover operations that take place. The number of crossovers is equal to the rate $*$ population_size.

multi_point_binary

- Keywords Area

- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_binary

Use bit switching for crossover events

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

multi_point_parameterized_binary

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_parameterized_binary

Use bit switching to crossover each design variable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

multi_point_real

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_real

Perform crossover in real valued genome

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

shuffle_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random

Perform crossover by choosing design variable(s)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_parents	Number of parents in random shuffle crossover
	Optional		num_offspring	Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

Description

The final crossover type is `shuffle_random`. This crossover type performs crossover by choosing design variables at random from a specified number of parents enough times that the requested number of children are produced. For example, consider the case of 3 parents producing 2 children. This operator would go through and for each design variable, select one of the parents as the donor for the child. So it creates a random shuffle of the parent design variable values. The relative numbers of children and parents are controllable to allow for as much mixing as desired. The more parents involved, the less likely that the children will wind up exact duplicates of the parents.

num_parents

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random
- num_parents

Number of parents in random shuffle crossover

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 2

Description

Number of parents in random shuffle crossover

num_offspring

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random
- num_offspring

Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 2

Description

Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

crossover_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- crossover_type
- crossover_rate

Specify the probability of a crossover event

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.8

Description

The `crossover_type` controls what approach is employed for combining parent genetic information to create offspring, and the `crossover_rate` specifies the probability of a crossover operation being performed to generate a new offspring. The SCOLIB EA method supports three forms of crossover, `two_point`, `blend`, and `uniform`, which generate a new individual through combinations of two parent individuals. Two-point crossover divides each parent into three regions, where offspring are created from the combination of the middle region from one parent and the end regions from the other parent. Since the SCOLIB EA does not utilize bit representations of variable values, the crossover points only occur on coordinate boundaries, never within the bits of a particular coordinate. Uniform crossover creates offspring through random combination of coordinates from the two parents. Blend crossover generates a new individual randomly along the multidimensional vector connecting the two parents.

mutation_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type

Select a mutation type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: replace_uniform

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword** bit_random	**Dakota Keyword Description** Mutate by flipping a random bit
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	replace_uniform	Use uniformly distributed value over range of parameter
			offset_normal	Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution
			offset_cauchy	Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset
			offset_uniform	Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution

	Optional	mutation_rate	Set probability of a mutation

Description

Five mutation types are available for selection by keyword: `replace_uniform`, `bit_random`, `offset_cauchy`, `offset_normal`, and `offset_uniform`. They are described in greater detail on their respective keyword pages.

The `offset_*` mutators all act by adding a random "offset" to a variable value. The random amount has a mean of zero in all cases. The size of the offset is controlled using the `mutation_scale` keyword, which is interpreted differently for each `offset_*` type.

The rate of mutations for all types is controlled suing the `mutation_rate`. The rate is applied differently in each `mutation_type`.

bit_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- bit_random

Mutate by flipping a random bit

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `bit_random` mutator introduces random variation by first converting a randomly chosen variable of a randomly chosen design into a binary string. It then flips a randomly chosen bit in the string from a 1 to a 0 or visa versa. In this mutation scheme, the resulting value has more probability of being similar to the original value.

replace_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- replace_uniform

Use uniformly distributed value over range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`replace_uniform` introduces random variation by first randomly choosing a design variable of a randomly selected design and reassigning it to a random valid value for that variable. No consideration of the current value is given when determining the new value.

offset_normal

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_normal

Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_normal` mutator introduces random variation by adding a Gaussian random amount to a variable value. The random amount has a standard deviation dependent on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_normal
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

offset_cauchy

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy

Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_cauchy` mutator introduces random variation by adding a Cauchy random amount to a variable value. The random amount has a standard deviation dependent on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy

- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

offset_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform

Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_uniform` mutator introduces random variation by adding a uniform random amount to a variable value. The random amount depends on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

mutation_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- mutation_type
- mutation_rate

Set probability of a mutation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.08

Description

All mutation types have a `mutation_rate`, which controls the number of mutations performed. For `replace_uniform` and all the `offset_*` types, the number of mutations performed is the product of `mutation_rate` and `population_size`. For `bit_random`, it's the product of the `mutation_rate`, number of design variables, and population size

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- moga
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
```

```
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.33 soga

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga

Single-objective Genetic Algorithm (a.k.a Evolutionary Algorithm)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_jega
- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		fitness_type	Select the fitness type for JEGA methods
	Optional		replacement_type	Select a replacement type for JEGA methods

	Optional	convergence_type	Select the convergence type for JEGA methods
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	linear_inequality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints
	Optional	linear_inequality_lower_bounds	Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_upper_bounds	Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint
	Optional	linear_inequality_scale_types	Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_inequality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities
	Optional	linear_equality_constraint_matrix	Define coefficients of the linear equalities
	Optional	linear_equality_targets	Define target values for the linear equality constraints
	Optional	linear_equality_scale_types	Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled
	Optional	linear_equality_scales	Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	population_size	Set the initial population size in JEGA methods
	Optional	log_file	Specify the name of a log file
	Optional	print_each_pop	Print every population to a population file
	Optional	initialization_type	Specify how to initialize the population
	Optional	crossover_type	Select a crossover type for JEGA methods
	Optional	mutation_type	Select a mutation type for JEGA methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

`soga` stands for Single-objective Genetic Algorithm, which is a global optimization method that supports general constraints and a mixture of real and discrete variables. `soga` is part of the JEGA library.

Constraints `soga` can utilize linear constraints.

Configuration

The genetic algorithm configurations are:

1. fitness
2. replacement
3. convergence
4. initialization
5. crossover

6. mutation
7. population size

The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. Choice of fitness assessors is strongly related to the type of replacement algorithm being used and can have a profound effect on the solutions selected for the next generation.

Stopping Criteria

The `soga` method respects the `max_iterations` and `max_function_evaluations` method independent controls to provide integer limits for the maximum number of generations and function evaluations, respectively.

The algorithm also stops when convergence is reached. This involves repeated assessment of the algorithm's progress in solving the problem, until some criterion is met.

Outputs The `soga` method respects the `output` method independent control to vary the amount of information presented to the user during execution.

The final results are written to the Dakota tabular output. Additional information is also available - see the `log_file` and `print_each_pop` keywords.

Theory

The basic steps of the `soga` algorithm are as follows:

1. Initialize the population
2. Evaluate the population (calculate the values of the objective function and constraints for each population member)
3. Loop until converged, or stopping criteria reached
   (a) Perform crossover
   (b) Perform mutation
   (c) Evaluate the new population
   (d) Assess the fitness of each member in the population
   (e) Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation
   (f) Test for convergence

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- moga

fitness_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- fitness_type

Select the fitness type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: merit_function

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints
	Optional		constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function

Description

The two JEGA methods use different fitness types, which are described on their respective pages.

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- fitness_type
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- fitness_type
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0

Description

The `merit_function` fitness assessor uses an exterior penalty function formulation to penalize infeasible designs. The specification allows the input of a `constraint_penalty` which is the multiplier to use on the constraint violations.

replacement_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- replacement_type

Select a replacement type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: elitist

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword elitist	Dakota Keyword Description Use the best designs to form a new population
			favor_feasible	Prioritize feasible designs
			roulette_wheel	Replace population
			unique_roulette_-wheel	Replace population

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs.

In `roulette_wheel` replacement, each design is conceptually allotted a portion of a wheel proportional to its fitness relative to the fitnesses of the other Designs. Then, portions of the wheel are chosen at random and the design occupying those portions are duplicated into the next population. Those Designs allotted larger portions of the wheel are more likely to be selected (potentially many times). `unique_roulette_wheel` replacement

is the same as roulette_wheel replacement, with the exception that a design may only be selected once. The below_limit selector attempts to keep all designs for which the negated fitness is below a certain limit. The values are negated to keep with the convention that higher fitness is better. The inputs to the below_limit selector are the limit as a real value, and a shrinkage_percentage as a real value. The shrinkage_percentage defines the minimum amount of selections that will take place if enough designs are available. It is interpreted as a percentage of the population size that must go on to the subsequent generation. To enforce this, below_limit makes all the selections it would make anyway and if that is not enough, it takes the remaining that it needs from the best of what is left (effectively raising its limit as far as it must to get the minimum number of selections). It continues until it has made enough selections. The shrinkage_percentage is designed to prevent extreme decreases in the population size at any given generation, and thus prevent a big loss of genetic diversity in a very short time. Without a shrinkage limit, a small group of "super" designs may appear and quickly cull the population down to a size on the order of the limiting value. In this case, all the diversity of the population is lost and it is expensive to re-diversify and spread the population. The

The replacement_type for a SOGA may be roulette_wheel, unique_roulette_wheel, elitist, or favor_feasible. The elitist selector simply chooses the required number of designs taking the most fit. For example, if 100 selections are requested, then the top 100 designs as ranked by fitness will be selected and the remaining will be discarded. The favor_feasible replacement type first considers feasibility as a selection criteria. If that does not produce a "winner" then it moves on to considering fitness value. Because of this, any fitness assessor used with the favor_feasible selector must only account objectives in the creation of fitness. Therefore, there is such a fitness assessor and it's use is enforced when the favor_feasible selector is chosen. In that case, and if the output level is set high enough, a message will be presented indicating that the weighted_sum_only fitness assessor will be used.

elitist

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- replacement_type
- elitist

Use the best designs to form a new population

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The elitist (default) setting creates a new population using (a) the replacement_size best individuals from the current population, (b) and population_size - replacement_size individuals randomly selected from the newly generated individuals. It is possible in this case to lose a good solution from the newly generated individuals if it is not randomly selected for replacement; however, the default new_solutions_generated value is set such that the entire set of newly generated individuals will be selected for replacement.

favor_feasible

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- replacement_type
- favor_feasible

Prioritize feasible designs

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This replacement operator will always prefer a more feasible design to a less feasible one. Beyond that, it favors solutions based on an assigned fitness value which must have been installed by the weighted sum only fitness assessor.

The `favor_feasible` replacement type first considers feasibility as a selection criteria. If that does not produce a "winner" then it moves on to considering fitness value. Because of this, any fitness assessor used with the `favor_feasible` selector must only account objectives in the creation of fitness. Therefore, there is such a fitness assessor and it's use is enforced when the `favor_feasible` selector is chosen. In that case, and if the output level is set high enough, a message will be presented indicating that the `weighted_sum_only` fitness assessor will be used.

roulette_wheel

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- replacement_type
- roulette_wheel

Replace population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs. The `replacement_type` of `favor_feasible` is specific to a SOGA. This replacement operator will always prefer a more feasible design to a less feasible one. Beyond that, it favors solutions based on an assigned fitness value which must have been installed by the weighted sum only fitness assessor (see the discussion below).

unique_roulette_wheel

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- replacement_type
- unique_roulette_wheel

Replace population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Replace the population with members selected to continue in the next generation. The pool of potential members is the current population and the current set of offspring. The `replacement_type` of `roulette_wheel` or `unique_roulette_wheel` may be used either with MOGA or SOGA problems however they are not recommended for use with MOGA. Given that the only two fitness assessors for MOGA are the `layer_rank` and `domination_count`, the recommended selector is the `below_limit` selector. The `below_limit` replacement will only keep designs that are dominated by fewer than a limiting number of other designs. The `replacement_type` of `favor_feasible` is specific to a SOGA. This replacement operator will always prefer a more feasible design to a less feasible one. Beyond that, it favors solutions based on an assigned fitness value which must have been installed by the weighted sum only fitness assessor (see the discussion below).

convergence_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type

Select the convergence type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: average_fitness_tracker

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	best_fitness_tracker	Tracks the best fitness of the population
			average_fitness_-tracker	Tracks the average fitness of the population

Description

The two JEGA methods use different convergence types, which are described on their respective pages.

All the convergence types are modified by the optional keywords `percent_change` and `num_generations`.

best_fitness_tracker

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type
- best_fitness_tracker

Tracks the best fitness of the population

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		percent_change	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods
	Optional		num_generations	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Description

The `best_fitness_tracker` tracks the best fitness in the population. Convergence occurs after `num_generations` has passed and there has been less than `percent_change` in the best fitness value. The percent change can be as low as 0% in which case there must be no change at all over the number of generations.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- average_fitness_tracker

percent_change

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type
- best_fitness_tracker
- percent_change

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `percent_change` is the threshold beneath which convergence is attained whereby it is compared to the metric value computed.

num_generations

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type
- best_fitness_tracker
- num_generations

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10

Description

The num_generations is the number of generations over which the metric value should be tracked. Convergence will be attained if the recorded metric is below percent_change for num_generations consecutive generations.

average_fitness_tracker

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type
- average_fitness_tracker

Tracks the average fitness of the population

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		percent_change	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods
	Optional		num_generations	Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Description

The convergence_type called average_fitness_tracker keeps track of the average fitness in a population. If this average fitness does not change more than percent_change over some number of generations, num_generations, then the solution is reported as converged and the algorithm terminates.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- best_fitness_tracker

percent_change

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga

- convergence_type
- average_fitness_tracker
- percent_change

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `percent_change` is the threshold beneath which convergence is attained whereby it is compared to the metric value computed.

num_generations

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_type
- average_fitness_tracker
- num_generations

Define the convergence criterion for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10

Description

The `num_generations` is the number of generations over which the metric value should be tracked. Convergence will be attained if the recorded metric is below `percent_change` for `num_generations` consecutive generations.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_inequality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear inequality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no linear inequality constraints

Description

In the inequality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables in the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where the bounds are optionally specified by `linear_inequality_lower_bounds`, and `linear_inequality_upper_bounds`. The bounds, if not specified, will default to -infinity, and 0, respectively, resulting in one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

.

linear_inequality_lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_inequality_lower_bounds

Define lower bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_inequality_upper_bounds

Define upper bounds for the linear inequality constraint

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the inequality case, the lower a_l and upper a_u bounds provide constraint limits for the two-sided formulation:

$$a_l \leq Ax \leq a_u$$

Where A is the constrain matrix of variable coefficients.

As with nonlinear inequality constraints (see objective_functions), the default linear inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$Ax \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity.

This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`).

linear_inequality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_inequality_scale_types

Specify how each linear inequality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_inequality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear inequality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_inequality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_inequality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_inequality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear inequalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_inequality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

Behavior depends on the choice of `linear_inequality_scale_type` :

- `scale_type` - behavior of `linear_inequality_scales`
- `'none'` - ignored
- `'value'` - required
- `'auto'` - optional

If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the constraint.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling. For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_constraint_matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_equality_constraint_matrix

Define coefficients of the linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: no linear equality constraints

Description

In the equality case, the constraint matrix A provides coefficients for the variables on the left hand side of:

$$Ax = a_t$$

linear_equality_targets

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_equality_targets

Define target values for the linear equality constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

In the equality case, the targets a_t provide the equality constraint right hand sides:

$$Ax = a_t$$

.

If this is not specified, the defaults for the equality constraint targets enforce a value of $0.$ for each constraint: $Ax = 0.0$

linear_equality_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_equality_scale_types

Specify how each linear equality constraint is scaled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = "none"

Description

`linear_equality_scale_types` provide strings specifying the scaling type for each linear equality constraint, in methods that support scaling.

An entry may be selected for each constraint. The options are:

- `'none'` - no scaling
- `'value'` - characteristic value if this is chosen, then `linear_equality_scales` must be specified
- `'auto'` - automatic scaling If a single string is specified it will apply to all constraints.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear equality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

linear_equality_scales

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- linear_equality_scales

Define the characteristic values to scale linear equalities

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- linear_constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `linear_equality_scales` may be a user-specified, nonzero characteristic value to be used in scaling each constraint.

See the scaling keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

Scaling for linear constraints is applied *after* any continuous variable scaling.

For example, for variable scaling on continuous design variables x:

$$\tilde{x}^j = \frac{x^j - x_O^j}{x_M^j}$$

we have the following system for linear inequality constraints

$$a_L \leq A_i x \leq a_U$$

$$a_L \leq A_i \left(\text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} + x_O\right) \leq a_U$$

$$a_L - A_i x_O \leq A_i \text{diag}(x_M)\tilde{x} \leq a_U - A_i x_O$$

$$\tilde{a}_L \leq \tilde{A}_i \tilde{x} \leq \tilde{a}_U$$

and user-specified or automatically computed scaling multipliers are appplied to this final transformed system, which accounts for continuous design variable scaling. When automatic scaling is in use for linear constraints they are linearly scaled by a computed characteristic value, but not affinely to [0,1].

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

population_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- population_size

Set the initial population size in JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 50

Description

The number of designs in the initial population is specified by the `population_size`. Note that the `population_size` only sets the size of the initial population. The population size may vary in the JEGA methods according to the type of operators chosen for a particular optimization run.

log_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- log_file

Specify the name of a log file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: JEGAGlobal.log

Description

New as of JEGA v2.0 is the introduction of the `log_file` specification. JEGA now uses a logging library to output messages and status to the user. JEGA can be configured at build time to log to both the console window and a text file, one or the other, or neither. The `log_file` input is a string name of a file into which to log. If the build was configured without file logging in JEGA, this input is ignored. If file logging is enabled and no `log_file` is specified, the default file name of JEGAGlobal.log is used.

print_each_pop

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- print_each_pop

Print every population to a population file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No printing

Description

New to JEGA v2.0 is the introduction of the `print_each_pop` specification. It serves as a flag and if supplied, the population at each generation will be printed to a file named "population<GEN#>.dat" where <GEN#> is the number of the current generation.

initialization_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- initialization_type

Specify how to initialize the population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: unique_random

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	simple_random	Create random initial solutions
			unique_random	Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)

			flat_file	Read initial solutions from file

Description

The `initialization_type` defines how the initial population is created for the GA. There are three types:

1. `simple_random`
2. `unique_random` (default)
3. `flat_file`

Setting the size for the `flat_file` initializer has the effect of requiring a minimum number of designs to create. If this minimum number has not been created once the files are all read, the rest are created using the `unique_random` initializer and then the `simple_random` initializer if necessary.

simple_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- initialization_type
- simple_random

Create random initial solutions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

`simple_random` creates initial solutions with random variable values according to a uniform random number distribution. It gives no consideration to any previously generated designs.

unique_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- initialization_type
- unique_random

Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`unique_random` is the same as `simple_random`, except that when a new solution is generated, it is checked against the rest of the solutions. If it duplicates any of them, it is rejected.

flat_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- initialization_type
- flat_file

Read initial solutions from file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`flat_file` allows the initial population to be read from a flat file. If `flat_file` is specified, a file name must be given.

Variables can be delimited in the flat file in any way you see fit with a few exceptions. The delimiter must be the same on any given line of input with the exception of leading and trailing whitespace. So a line could look like: 1.1, 2.2 ,3.3 for example but could not look like: 1.1, 2.2 3.3. The delimiter can vary from line to line within the file which can be useful if data from multiple sources is pasted into the same input file. The delimiter can be any string that does not contain any of the characters .+-dDeE or any of the digits 0-9. The input will be read until the end of the file. The algorithm will discard any configurations for which it was unable to retrieve at least the number of design variables. The objective and constraint entries are not required but if ALL are present, they will be recorded and the design will be tagged as evaluated so that evaluators may choose not to re-evaluate them.

Setting the size for this initializer has the effect of requiring a minimum number of designs to create. If this minimum number has not been created once the files are all read, the rest are created using the `unique_random` initializer and then the `simple_random` initializer if necessary.

crossover_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type

Select a crossover type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: shuffle_random

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	multi_point_binary	Use bit switching for crossover events
			multi_point_-parameterized_-binary	Use bit switching to crossover each design variable
			multi_point_real	Perform crossover in real valued genome
			shuffle_random	Perform crossover by choosing design variable(s)
	Optional		crossover_rate	Specify the probability of a crossover event

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

The final crossover type is `shuffle_random`. This crossover type performs crossover by choosing design variables at random from a specified number of parents enough times that the requested number of children are produced. For example, consider the case of 3 parents producing 2 children. This operator would go through and for each design variable, select one of the parents as the donor for the child. So it creates a random shuffle of the parent design variable values. The relative numbers of children and parents are controllable to allow for as much mixing as desired. The more parents involved, the less likely that the children will wind up exact duplicates of the parents.

All crossover types take a `crossover_rate`. The crossover rate is used to calculate the number of crossover operations that take place. The number of crossovers is equal to the rate $*$ population_size.

multi_point_binary

- Keywords Area

- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_binary

Use bit switching for crossover events

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

multi_point_parameterized_binary

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_parameterized_binary

Use bit switching to crossover each design variable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

multi_point_real

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- multi_point_real

Perform crossover in real valued genome

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

There are many crossover types available. `multi_point_binary` crossover requires an integer number, N, of crossover points. This crossover type performs a bit switching crossover at N crossover points in the binary encoded genome of two designs. Thus, crossover may occur at any point along a solution chromosome (in the middle of a gene representing a design variable, for example). `multi_point_parameterized_binary` crossover is similar in that it performs a bit switching crossover routine at N crossover points. However, this crossover type performs crossover on each design variable individually. So the individual chromosomes are crossed at N locations. `multi_point_real` crossover performs a variable switching crossover routing at N crossover points in the real real valued genome of two designs. In this scheme, crossover only occurs between design variables (chromosomes). Note that the standard solution chromosome representation in the JEGA algorithm is real encoded and can handle integer or real design variables. For any crossover types that use a binary representation, real variables are converted to long integers by multiplying the real number by 10^6 and then truncating. Note that this assumes a precision of only six decimal places. Discrete variables are represented as integers (indices within a list of possible values) within the algorithm and thus require no special treatment by the binary operators.

shuffle_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random

Perform crossover by choosing design variable(s)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_parents	Number of parents in random shuffle crossover
	Optional		num_offspring	Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

Description

The final crossover type is `shuffle_random`. This crossover type performs crossover by choosing design variables at random from a specified number of parents enough times that the requested number of children are produced. For example, consider the case of 3 parents producing 2 children. This operator would go through and for each design variable, select one of the parents as the donor for the child. So it creates a random shuffle of the parent design variable values. The relative numbers of children and parents are controllable to allow for as much mixing as desired. The more parents involved, the less likely that the children will wind up exact duplicates of the parents.

num_parents

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random
- num_parents

Number of parents in random shuffle crossover

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 2

Description

Number of parents in random shuffle crossover

num_offspring

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- shuffle_random
- num_offspring

Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 2

Description

Number of offspring in random shuffle crossover

crossover_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- crossover_type
- crossover_rate

Specify the probability of a crossover event

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.8

Description

The crossover_type controls what approach is employed for combining parent genetic information to create offspring, and the crossover_rate specifies the probability of a crossover operation being performed to generate a new offspring. The SCOLIB EA method supports three forms of crossover, two_point, blend, and uniform, which generate a new individual through combinations of two parent individuals. Two-point crossover divides each parent into three regions, where offspring are created from the combination of the middle region from one parent and the end regions from the other parent. Since the SCOLIB EA does not utilize bit representations of variable values, the crossover points only occur on coordinate boundaries, never within the bits of a particular coordinate. Uniform crossover creates offspring through random combination of coordinates from the two parents. Blend crossover generates a new individual randomly along the multidimensional vector connecting the two parents.

mutation_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type

Select a mutation type for JEGA methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: replace_uniform

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword bit_random	Dakota Keyword Description Mutate by flipping a random bit
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	replace_uniform	Use uniformly distributed value over range of parameter
			offset_normal	Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution
			offset_cauchy	Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset
			offset_uniform	Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution

	Optional	mutation_rate	Set probability of a mutation

Description

Five mutation types are available for selection by keyword: `replace_uniform`, `bit_random`, `offset_cauchy`, `offset_normal`, and `offset_uniform`. They are described in greater detail on their respective keyword pages.

The `offset_*` mutators all act by adding a random "offset" to a variable value. The random amount has a mean of zero in all cases. The size of the offset is controlled using the `mutation_scale` keyword, which is interpreted differently for each `offset_*` type.

The rate of mutations for all types is controlled suing the `mutation_rate`. The rate is applied differently in each `mutation_type`.

bit_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- bit_random

Mutate by flipping a random bit

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `bit_random` mutator introduces random variation by first converting a randomly chosen variable of a randomly chosen design into a binary string. It then flips a randomly chosen bit in the string from a 1 to a 0 or visa versa. In this mutation scheme, the resulting value has more probability of being similar to the original value.

replace_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- replace_uniform

Use uniformly distributed value over range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

`replace_uniform` introduces random variation by first randomly choosing a design variable of a randomly selected design and reassigning it to a random valid value for that variable. No consideration of the current value is given when determining the new value.

offset_normal

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_normal

Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_normal` mutator introduces random variation by adding a Gaussian random amount to a variable value. The random amount has a standard deviation dependent on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_normal
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

offset_cauchy

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy

Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_cauchy` mutator introduces random variation by adding a Cauchy random amount to a variable value. The random amount has a standard deviation dependent on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy

- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

offset_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform

Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter

Description

The `offset_uniform` mutator introduces random variation by adding a uniform random amount to a variable value. The random amount depends on the `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.15

Description

The mutation_scale is a fraction in the range [0, 1] and is meant to help control the amount of variation that takes place when a variable is mutated. Its behavior depends on the selected `mutation_type`. For `offset_normal` and `offset_cauchy`, `mutation_scale` is multipled by the range of the variable being mutated to obtain the standard deviation of the offset. For `offset_uniform`, the range of possible deviation amounts is +/- 1/2 $*$ (mutation_scale $*$ variable range).

mutation_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- mutation_type
- mutation_rate

Set probability of a mutation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.08

Description

All mutation types have a `mutation_rate`, which controls the number of mutations performed. For `replace_uniform` and all the `offset_*` types, the number of mutations performed is the product of `mutation_rate` and `population_size`. For `bit_random`, it's the product of the `mutation_rate`, number of design variables, and population size

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- soga
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
```

```
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.34 coliny_pattern_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search

Pattern search, derivative free optimization method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny
- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		constant_penalty	Use a simple weighted penalty to manage feasibility

	Optional	no_expansion	Don't allow expansion of the search pattern
	Optional	expand_after_success	Set the factor by which a search pattern can be expanded
	Optional	pattern_basis	Pattern basis selection
	Optional	stochastic	Generate trial points in random order
	Optional	total_pattern_size	Total number of points in search pattern
	Optional	exploratory_moves	Exploratory moves selection
	Optional	synchronization	Select how Dakota schedules function evaluations in a pattern search
	Optional	contraction_factor	Amount by which step length is rescaled
	Optional	constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function
	Optional	initial_delta	Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers
	Optional	threshold_delta	Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size
	Optional	solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

	Optional	misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Pattern search techniques are nongradient-based optimization methods which use a set of offsets from the current iterate to locate improved points in the design space.

See the page package_scolib for important information regarding all SCOLIB methods

`coliny_pattern_search` supports concurrency up to the size of the search pattern

Traditional pattern search methods search with a fixed pattern of search directions to try to find improvements to the current iterate. The SCOLIB pattern search methods generalize this simple algorithmic strategy to enable control of how the search pattern is adapted, as well as how each search pattern is evaluated. The `stochastic` and `synchronization` specifications denote how the the trial points are evaluated. The `stochastic` specification indicates that the trial points are considered in a random order. For parallel pattern search, `synchronization` dictates whether the evaluations are scheduled using a `blocking` scheduler or a `nonblocking` scheduler. In the `blocking` case, all points in the pattern are evaluated (in parallel), and if the best of these trial points is an improving point, then it becomes the next iterate. These runs are reproducible, assuming use of the same seed in the `stochastic` case. In the `nonblocking` case, all points in the pattern may not be evaluated, since the first improving point found becomes the next iterate. Since the algorithm steps will be subject to parallel timing variabilities, these runs will not generally be repeatable. The `synchronization` specification has similar connotations for sequential pattern search. If `blocking` is specified, then each sequential iteration terminates after all trial points have been considered, and if `nonblocking` is specified, then each sequential iteration terminates after the first improving trial point is evaluated. In this release, both `blocking` and `nonblocking` specifications result in blocking behavior (except in the case where `exploratory_moves` below is set to `adaptive_pattern`). Nonblocking behavior will be re-enabled after some underlying technical issues have been resolved.

The particular form of the search pattern is controlled by the `pattern_basis` specification. If `pattern_basis` is `coordinate` basis, then the pattern search uses a plus and minus offset in each coordinate direction, for a total of *2n* function evaluations in the pattern. This case is depicted in Figure 5.3 for three coordinate dimensions.

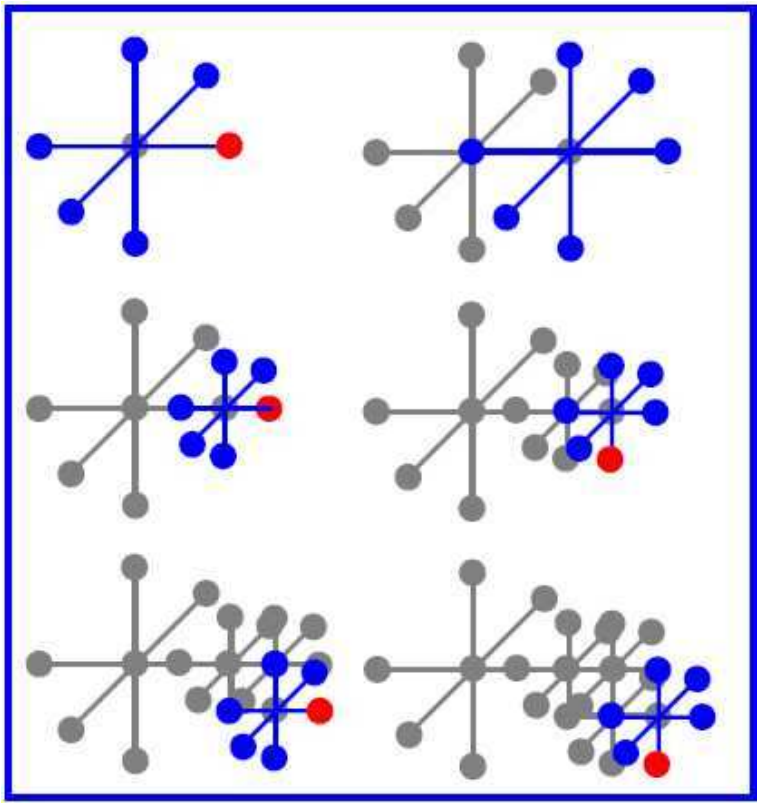

Figure 6.1: Depiction of coordinate pattern search algorithm

If `pattern_basis` is `simplex`, then pattern search uses a minimal positive basis simplex for the parameter space, for a total of *n+1* function evaluations in the pattern. Note that the `simplex` pattern basis can be used for unbounded problems only. The `total_pattern_size` specification can be used to augment the basic `coordinate` and `simplex` patterns with additional function evaluations, and is particularly useful for parallel load balancing. For example, if some function evaluations in the pattern are dropped due to duplication or bound constraint interaction, then the `total_pattern_size` specification instructs the algorithm to generate new offsets to bring the total number of evaluations up to this consistent total.

The `exploratory_moves` specification controls how the search pattern is adapted. (The search pattern can be adapted after an improving trial point is found, or after all trial points in a search pattern have been found to be unimproving points.) The following exploratory moves selections are supported by SCOLIB:

- The `basic_pattern` case is the simple pattern search approach, which uses the same pattern in each iteration.

- The `multi_step` case examines each trial step in the pattern in turn. If a successful step is found, the pattern search continues examining trial steps about this new point. In this manner, the effects of multiple

successful steps are cumulative within a single iteration. This option does not support any parallelism and will result in a serial pattern search.

- The `adaptive_pattern` case invokes a pattern search technique that adaptively rescales the different search directions to maximize the number of redundant function evaluations. See[45] for details of this method. In preliminary experiments, this method had more robust performance than the standard `basic_pattern` case in serial tests. This option supports a limited degree of parallelism. After successful iterations (where the step length is not contracted), a parallel search will be performed. After unsuccessful iterations (where the step length is contracted), only a single evaluation is performed.

The `initial_delta` and `threshold_delta` specifications provide the initial offset size and the threshold size at which to terminate the algorithm. For any dimension that has both upper and lower bounds, this step length will be internally rescaled to provide search steps of length `initial_delta` $*$ range $*$ 0.1. This rescaling does not occur for other dimensions, so search steps in those directions have length `initial_delta`. Note that the factor of 0.1 in the rescaling could result in an undesirably small initial step. This can be offset by providing a large `initial_delta`.

In general, pattern search methods can expand and contract their step lengths. SCOLIB pattern search methods contract the step length by the value `contraction_factor`, and they expand the step length by the value (1/contraction_factor). The `expand_after_success` control specifies how many successful objective function improvements must occur with a specific step length prior to expansion of the step length, whereas the `no_expansion` flag instructs the algorithm to forgo pattern expansion altogether.

Finally, constraint infeasibility can be managed in a somewhat more sophisticated manner than the simple weighted penalty function. If the `constant_penalty` specification is used, then the simple weighted penalty scheme described above is used. Otherwise, the constraint penalty is adapted to the value `constraint_penalty/L`, where L is the the smallest step length used so far.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_beta
- coliny_direct
- coliny_cobyla
- coliny_ea
- coliny_solis_wets

constant_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- constant_penalty

Use a simple weighted penalty to manage feasibility

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: algorithm dynamically adapts the constraint penalty

Description

Finally, constraint infeasibility can be managed in a somewhat more sophisticated manner than the simple weighted penalty function. If the `constant_penalty` specification is used, then the simple weighted penalty scheme described above is used. Otherwise, the constraint penalty is adapted to the value `constraint_penalty/L`, where L is the the smallest step length used so far.

no_expansion

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- no_expansion

Don't allow expansion of the search pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: algorithm may expand pattern size

Description

In general, pattern search methods can expand and contract their step lengths. SCOLIB pattern search methods contract the step length by the value `contraction_factor`, and they expand the step length by the value (1/contraction_factor). The `expand_after_success` control specifies how many successful objective function improvements must occur with a specific step length prior to expansion of the step length, whereas the `no_expansion` flag instructs the algorithm to forgo pattern expansion altogether.

expand_after_success

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- expand_after_success

Set the factor by which a search pattern can be expanded

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 5

Description

In general, pattern search methods can expand and contract their step lengths. SCOLIB pattern search methods contract the step length by the value `contraction_factor`, and they expand the step length by the value (1/contraction_factor). The `expand_after_success` control specifies how many successful objective function improvements must occur with a specific step length prior to expansion of the step length, whereas the `no_expansion` flag instructs the algorithm to forgo pattern expansion altogether.

pattern_basis

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- pattern_basis

Pattern basis selection

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: coordinate

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword coordinate	Dakota Keyword Description Use coordinate directions as search pattern
			simplex	Use a minimal simplex for the search pattern

Description

The particular form of the search pattern is controlled by the `pattern_basis` specification. If `pattern_basis` is `coordinate` basis, then the pattern search uses a plus and minus offset in each coordinate direction, for a total of *2n* function evaluations in the pattern. This case is depicted in Figure 5.3 for three coordinate dimensions.

coordinate

- Keywords Area
- method

- coliny_pattern_search
- pattern_basis
- coordinate

Use coordinate directions as search pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The particular form of the search pattern is controlled by the `pattern_basis` specification. If `pattern_basis` is `coordinate` basis, then the pattern search uses a plus and minus offset in each coordinate direction, for a total of *2n* function evaluations in the pattern. This case is depicted in Figure 5.3 for three coordinate dimensions.

simplex

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- pattern_basis
- simplex

Use a minimal simplex for the search pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

If `pattern_basis` is `simplex`, then pattern search uses a minimal positive basis simplex for the parameter space, for a total of *n+1* function evaluations in the pattern. Note that the `simplex` pattern basis can be used for unbounded problems only. The `total_pattern_size` specification can be used to augment the basic `coordinate` and `simplex` patterns with additional function evaluations, and is particularly useful for parallel load balancing. For example, if some function evaluations in the pattern are dropped due to duplication or bound constraint interaction, then the `total_pattern_size` specification instructs the algorithm to generate new offsets to bring the total number of evaluations up to this consistent total.

stochastic

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- stochastic

Generate trial points in random order

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Traditional pattern search methods search with a fixed pattern of search directions to try to find improvements to the current iterate. The SCOLIB pattern search methods generalize this simple algorithmic strategy to enable control of how the search pattern is adapted, as well as how each search pattern is evaluated. The `stochastic` and `synchronization` specifications denote how the the trial points are evaluated. The `stochastic` specification indicates that the trial points are considered in a random order. For parallel pattern search, `synchronization` dictates whether the evaluations are scheduled using a `blocking` scheduler or a `nonblocking` scheduler (i.e.,

total_pattern_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- total_pattern_size

Total number of points in search pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no augmentation of basic pattern

Description

If `pattern_basis` is `simplex`, then pattern search uses a minimal positive basis simplex for the parameter space, for a total of *n+1* function evaluations in the pattern. Note that the `simplex` pattern basis can be used for unbounded problems only. The `total_pattern_size` specification can be used to augment the basic `coordinate` and `simplex` patterns with additional function evaluations, and is particularly useful for parallel load balancing. For example, if some function evaluations in the pattern are dropped due to duplication or bound constraint interaction, then the `total_pattern_size` specification instructs the algorithm to generate new offsets to bring the total number of evaluations up to this consistent total.

exploratory_moves

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- exploratory_moves

Exploratory moves selection

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: basic_pattern

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	multi_step	Examine trial step around successful new point
			adaptive_pattern	Adaptively rescale search directions
			basic_pattern	Use the same search pattern every iteration

Description

The `exploratory_moves` specification controls how the search pattern is adapted. (The search pattern can be adapted after an improving trial point is found, or after all trial points in a search pattern have been found to be unimproving points.) The following exploratory moves selections are supported by SCOLIB:

multi_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- exploratory_moves
- multi_step

Examine trial step around successful new point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The multi_step case examines each trial step in the pattern in turn. If a successful step is found, the pattern search continues examining trial steps about this new point. In this manner, the effects of multiple successful steps are cumulative within a single iteration. This option does not support any parallelism and will result in a serial pattern

adaptive_pattern

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- exploratory_moves
- adaptive_pattern

Adaptively rescale search directions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The adaptive_pattern case invokes a pattern search technique that adaptively rescales the different search directions to maximize the number of redundant function evaluations. See[45] for details of this method. In preliminary experiments, this method had more robust performance than the standard basic_pattern case in serial tests. This option supports a limited degree of parallelism. After successful iterations (where the step length is not contracted), a parallel search will be performed. After unsuccessful iterations (where the step length is contracted), only a single evaluation is performed.

basic_pattern

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- exploratory_moves
- basic_pattern

Use the same search pattern every iteration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The basic_pattern case is the simple pattern search approach, which uses the same pattern in each iteration.

synchronization

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- synchronization

Select how Dakota schedules function evaluations in a pattern search

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: nonblocking

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	blocking	Evaluate all points in a pattern
			nonblocking	Evaluate points in the pattern until an improving point is found

Description

The synchronization specification can be used to specify the use of either blocking or nonblocking schedulers.

blocking

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- synchronization
- blocking

Evaluate all points in a pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the `blocking` case, all points in the pattern are evaluated (in parallel), and if the best of these trial points is an improving point, then it becomes the next iterate. These runs are reproducible, assuming use of the same seed in the stochastic case.

nonblocking

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- synchronization
- nonblocking

Evaluate points in the pattern until an improving point is found

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the `nonblocking` case, all points in the pattern may not be evaluated. The first improving point found becomes the next iterate. Since the algorithm steps will be subject to parallel timing variabilities, these runs will not generally be repeatable.

contraction_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- contraction_factor

Amount by which step length is rescaled

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.5

Description

For pattern search methods, `contraction_factor` specifies the amount by which step length is rescaled after unsuccesful iterates, must be strictly between 0 and 1.

For methods that can expand the step length, the expansion is 1/ `contraction_factor`

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0

Description

Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.

initial_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- initial_delta

Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0 (COBYLA), 0.1∗range (PS, SW)

Description

If `initial_delta` is supplied by the user, it will be applied in an absolute sense in all coordinate directions. APPS documentation advocates choosing `initial_delta` to be the approximate distance from the initial point to the solution. If this is unknown, it is advisable to err on the side of choosing an `initial_delta` that is too large or to not specify it. In the latter case, APPS will take a full step to the boundary in each direction. Relative application of `initial_delta` is not available unless the user scales the problem accordingly.

threshold_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- threshold_delta

Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-4 (COBYLA), 1.0e-5 (PS), 1.0e-6 (SW)

Description

`threshold_delta` is the step length or pattern size used to determine convergence.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using

this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_pattern_search
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.35 coliny_solis_wets

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets

Simple greedy local search method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		contract_after_-failure	The number of unsuccessful cycles prior to contraction.
	Optional		no_expansion	Don't allow expansion of the search pattern
	Optional		expand_after_-success	Set the factor by which a search pattern can be expanded
	Optional		constant_penalty	Use a simple weighted penalty to manage feasibility
	Optional		contraction_factor	Amount by which step length is rescaled

	Optional	constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function
	Optional	initial_delta	Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers
	Optional	threshold_delta	Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size
	Optional	solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input
	Optional	misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Solis-Wets method is a simple greedy local search heuristic for continuous parameter spaces. Solis-Wets generates trial points using a multivariate normal distribution, and unsuccessful trial points are reflected about the current point to find a descent direction.

See the page package_scolib for important information regarding all SCOLIB methods

`coliny_solis_wets` is inherently serial, no concurrency is used.

These specifications have the same meaning as corresponding specifications for coliny_pattern_search. Please see that page for specification details.

In particular, `coliny_solis_wets` supports dynamic rescaling of the step length, and dynamic rescaling of the constraint penalty. The only new specification is `contract_after_failure`, which specifies the number of unsuccessful cycles which must occur with a specific delta prior to contraction of the delta.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_beta
- coliny_direct
- coliny_pattern_search
- coliny_cobyla
- coliny_ea

contract_after_failure

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- contract_after_failure

The number of unsuccessful cycles prior to contraction.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 4∗number of variables

Description

In particular, `coliny_solis_wets` supports dynamic rescaling of the step length, and dynamic rescaling of the constraint penalty. The only new specification is `contract_after_failure`, which specifies the number of unsuccessful cycles which must occur with a specific delta prior to contraction of the delta.

no_expansion

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- no_expansion

Don't allow expansion of the search pattern

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: algorithm may expand pattern size

Description

In general, pattern search methods can expand and contract their step lengths. SCOLIB pattern search methods contract the step length by the value `contraction_factor`, and they expand the step length by the value (1/contraction_factor). The `expand_after_success` control specifies how many successful objective function improvements must occur with a specific step length prior to expansion of the step length, whereas the `no_expansion` flag instructs the algorithm to forgo pattern expansion altogether.

expand_after_success

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- expand_after_success

Set the factor by which a search pattern can be expanded

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 5

Description

In general, pattern search methods can expand and contract their step lengths. SCOLIB pattern search methods contract the step length by the value `contraction_factor`, and they expand the step length by the value (1/contraction_factor). The `expand_after_success` control specifies how many successful objective function improvements must occur with a specific step length prior to expansion of the step length, whereas the `no_expansion` flag instructs the algorithm to forgo pattern expansion altogether.

constant_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- constant_penalty

Use a simple weighted penalty to manage feasibility

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: algorithm dynamically adapts the constraint penalty

Description

Finally, constraint infeasibility can be managed in a somewhat more sophisticated manner than the simple weighted penalty function. If the `constant_penalty` specification is used, then the simple weighted penalty scheme described above is used. Otherwise, the constraint penalty is adapted to the value `constraint_penalty/L`, where L is the the smallest step length used so far.

contraction_factor

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- contraction_factor

Amount by which step length is rescaled

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.5

Description

For pattern search methods, `contraction_factor` specifies the amount by which step length is rescaled after unsuccesful iterates, must be strictly between 0 and 1.

For methods that can expand the step length, the expansion is 1/ `contraction_factor`

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0

Description

Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.

initial_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- initial_delta

Initial step size for non-gradient based optimizers

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0 (COBYLA), 0.1∗range (PS, SW)

Description

If `initial_delta` is supplied by the user, it will be applied in an absolute sense in all coordinate directions. APPS documentation advocates choosing `initial_delta` to be the approximate distance from the initial point to the solution. If this is unknown, it is advisable to err on the side of choosing an `initial_delta` that is too large or to not specify it. In the latter case, APPS will take a full step to the boundary in each direction. Relative application of `initial_delta` is not available unless the user scales the problem accordingly.

threshold_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- threshold_delta

Stopping criteria based on step length or pattern size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-4 (COBYLA), 1.0e-5 (PS), 1.0e-6 (SW)

Description

`threshold_delta` is the step length or pattern size used to determine convergence.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using

this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_solis_wets
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.36 coliny_cobyla

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla

Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny
- local_optimization_methods
- constrained

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_delta	Reasonable initial changes to optimization variables
	Optional		threshold_delta	Required or expected accuracy in optimization variables.
	Optional		solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator

	Optional	show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input
	Optional	misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Constrained Optimization BY Linear Approximations (COBYLA) algorithm is an extension to the Nelder--Mead simplex algorithm for handling general linear/nonlinear constraints and is invoked using the `coliny_cobyla` group specification. The COBYLA algorithm employs linear approximations to the objective and constraint functions, the approximations being formed by linear interpolation at N+1 points in the space of the variables. We regard these interpolation points as vertices of a simplex. The step length parameter controls the size of the simplex and it is reduced automatically from `initial_delta` to `threshold_delta`. One advantage that COBYLA has over many of its competitors is that it treats each constraint individually when calculating a change to the variables, instead of lumping the constraints together into a single penalty function.

See the page package_scolib for important information regarding all SCOLIB methods

`coliny_cobyla` is inherently serial.

Stopping Critieria

COBYLA currently only supports termination based on

- max_function_evaluations
- solution_target

Other method-independent stopping criteria (`max_iterations` and `convergence_tolerance`) will be ignored if set.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_beta
- coliny_direct
- coliny_pattern_search
- coliny_ea
- coliny_solis_wets

initial_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- initial_delta

Reasonable initial changes to optimization variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0 (COBYLA), 0.1∗range (PS, SW)

Description

`initial_delta` for COBYLA should be set to be a value that is reasonable for initial changes to the optimization variables. It represents a distance from the initial simplex within which linear approximation subproblems can be trusted to be sufficiently representative of the true problem. It is analagous to the initial trust-region size used in trust-region methods.

Default Behavior
The default value is 1.0.

threshold_delta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- threshold_delta

Required or expected accuracy in optimization variables.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-4 (COBYLA), 1.0e-5 (PS), 1.0e-6 (SW)

Description

Unlike it's use as a stopping criteria in other methods, `threshold_delta` is used to communicate the accuracy of the optimization variables to COBYLA. It represents the mimimum distance from the simplex within which linear approximation subproblems can be trusted to be sufficiently representative of the true problem. It is analagous to the minimum trust-region size used in trust-region methods. Note that, per COBYLA documentation, the level of accuracy is not guaranteed.

Default Behavior
The default value is 0.0001.

Additional Discussion
While `threshold_delta` is not a stopping criteria for COBYLA, we note that it may have a side effect regarding convergence. In particular, if lower accuracy is required of the optimization variables, it may stop sooner than if higher accuracy is required.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using

this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_cobyla
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.37 coliny_direct

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct

DIviding RECTangles method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny
- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		division	Determine how rectangles are subdivided
	Optional		global_balance_-parameter	Tolerance for whether a subregion is worth dividing
	Optional		local_balance_-parameter	Tolerance for whether a subregion is worth dividing
	Optional		max_boxsize_limit	Stopping Criterion based on longest edge of hyperrectangle

	Optional	min_boxsize_limit	Stopping Criterion based on shortest edge of hyperrectangle
	Optional	constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function
	Optional	solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input
	Optional	misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The DIviding RECTangles (DIRECT) optimization algorithm is a derivative free global optimization method that balances local search in promising regions of the design space with global search in unexplored regions. As shown in Figure 5.1, DIRECT adaptively subdivides the space of feasible design points so as to guarantee that iterates are generated in the neighborhood of a global minimum in finitely many iterations.

DIRECT" \image latex direct1.eps "Design space partitioning with DIRECT" width=10cm

In practice, DIRECT has proven an effective heuristic for engineering design applications, for which it is able to quickly identify candidate solutions that can be further refined with fast local optimizers.

See the page package_scolib for important information regarding all SCOLIB methods

The DIRECT algorithm supports concurrency up to twice the number of variables being optimized.

DIRECT uses the `solution_target`, `constraint_penalty` and `show_misc_options` specifications that are described in package_scolib. Note, however, that DIRECT uses a fixed penalty value for constraint violations (i.e. it is not dynamically adapted as is done in `coliny_pattern_search`).

Search Parameters

The `global_balance_parameter` controls how much global search is performed by only allowing a subregion to be subdivided if the size of the subregion divided by the size of the largest subregion is at least `global_balance_parameter`. Intuitively, this forces large subregions to be subdivided before the smallest subregions are refined. The `local_balance_parameter` provides a tolerance for estimating whether the smallest subregion can provide a sufficient decrease to be worth subdividing; the default value is a small value that is suitable for most applications.

Stopping Critieria

DIRECT can be terminated with:

- max_function_evaluations
- max_iterations
- convergence_tolerance
- solution_target
- max_boxsize_limit
- min_boxsize_limit - most effective in practice

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_beta
- coliny_pattern_search
- coliny_cobyla
- coliny_ea
- coliny_solis_wets
- ncsu_direct

division

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- division

Determine how rectangles are subdivided

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: major_dimension

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** major_dimension	**Dakota Keyword Description** (default) Longest edge of subregion is subdivided
			all_dimensions	All dimensions are simultaneously subdivided

Description

The `division` specification determines how DIRECT subdivides each subregion of the search space.

If `division` is set to `major_dimension`, then the dimension representing the longest edge of the subregion is subdivided (this is the default). If `division` is set to `all_dimensions`, then all dimensions are simultaneously subdivided.

major_dimension

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- division
- major_dimension

(default) Longest edge of subregion is subdivided

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Longest edge of subregion is subdivided

all_dimensions

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- division
- all_dimensions

All dimensions are simultaneously subdivided

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

All dimensions are simultaneously subdivided

global_balance_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- global_balance_parameter

Tolerance for whether a subregion is worth dividing

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.0

Description

The `global_balance_parameter` controls how much global search is performed by only allowing a subregion to be subdivided if the size of the subregion divided by the size of the largest subregion is at least `global_balance_parameter`. Intuitively, this forces large subregions to be subdivided before the smallest subregions are refined.

local_balance_parameter

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- local_balance_parameter

Tolerance for whether a subregion is worth dividing

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-8

Description

See parent page. The `local_balance_parameter` provides a tolerance for estimating whether the smallest subregion can provide a sufficient decrease to be worth subdividing; the default value is a small value that is suitable for most applications.

max_boxsize_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- max_boxsize_limit

Stopping Criterion based on longest edge of hyperrectangle

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.0

Description

Each subregion considered by DIRECT has a **size**, which corresponds to the longest diagonal of the subregion.

`max_boxsize_limit` specification terminates DIRECT if the size of the largest subregion falls below this threshold.

min_boxsize_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- min_boxsize_limit

Stopping Criterion based on shortest edge of hyperrectangle

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-4

Description

min_boxsize_limit is a setting that terminates the optimization when the measure of a hyperrectangle S with f(c(S)) = fmin is less than min_boxsize_limit.

Each subregion considered by DIRECT has a **size**, which corresponds to the longest diagonal of the subregion.

min_boxsize_limit specification terminates DIRECT if the size of the smallest subregion falls below this threshold.

In practice, this specification is likely to be more effective at limiting DIRECT's search.

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1000.0

Description

Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds constraint_penalty times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. The default value of constraint_penalty is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

solution_target is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct

- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also max_iterations.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_direct
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.38 coliny_ea

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea

Evolutionary Algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny
- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		population_size	Set the population size
	Optional		initialization_type	Specify how to initialize the population
	Optional		fitness_type	Select fitness type
	Optional		replacement_type	Select a replacement type for SCOLIB evolutionary algorithm (`coliny_ea`)
	Optional		crossover_rate	Specify the probability of a crossover event
	Optional		crossover_type	Select a crossover type
	Optional		mutation_rate	Set probability of a mutation
	Optional		mutation_type	Select a mutation type
	Optional		constraint_penalty	Multiplier for the penalty function
	Optional		solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input
	Optional		misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Evolutionary Algorithm

See the page package_scolib for important information regarding all SCOLIB methods

`coliny_pattern_search` supports concurrency up to the size of the population

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic optimization repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results. The `population_size` control specifies how many individuals will comprise the EA's population.

The `initialization_type` defines the type of initialization for the population of the EA. There are three types: `simple_random`, `unique_random`, and `flat_file`. `simple_random` creates initial solutions with random variable values according to a uniform random number distribution. It gives no consideration to any previously generated designs. The number of designs is specified by the `population_size`. `unique_random` is the same as `simple_random`, except that when a new solution is generated, it is checked against the rest of the solutions. If it duplicates any of them, it is rejected. `flat_file` allows the initial population to be read from a flat file. If `flat_file` is specified, a file name must be given.

The `fitness_type` controls how strongly differences in "fitness" (i.e., the objective function) are weighted in the process of selecting "parents" for crossover:

- the `linear_rank` setting uses a linear scaling of probability of selection based on the rank order of each individual's objective function within the population
- the `merit_function` setting uses a proportional scaling of probability of selection based on the relative value of each individual's objective function within the population

The `replacement_type` controls how current populations and newly generated individuals are combined to create a new population. Each of the `replacement_type` selections accepts an integer value, which is referred to below as the `replacement_size`.

- The `random` setting creates a new population using (a) `replacement_size` randomly selected individuals from the current population, and (b) `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from among the newly generated individuals (the number of which is optionally specified using `new_solutions_generated`) that are created for each generation (using the selection, crossover, and mutation procedures).

- The `chc` setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the *combination* of the current population and the newly generated individuals, and (b) `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from among the remaining individuals in this combined pool. The `chc` setting is the preferred selection for many engineering problems.

- The `elitist` (default) setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the current population, (b) and `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from the newly generated individuals. It is possible in this case to lose a good solution from the newly generated individuals if it is not randomly selected for replacement; however, the default `new_solutions_generated` value is set such that the entire set of newly generated individuals will be selected for replacement.

Note that `new_solutions_generated` is not recognized by Dakota as a valid keyword unless `replacement_type` has been specified.

Theory

The basic steps of an evolutionary algorithm are depicted in Figure 5.2.

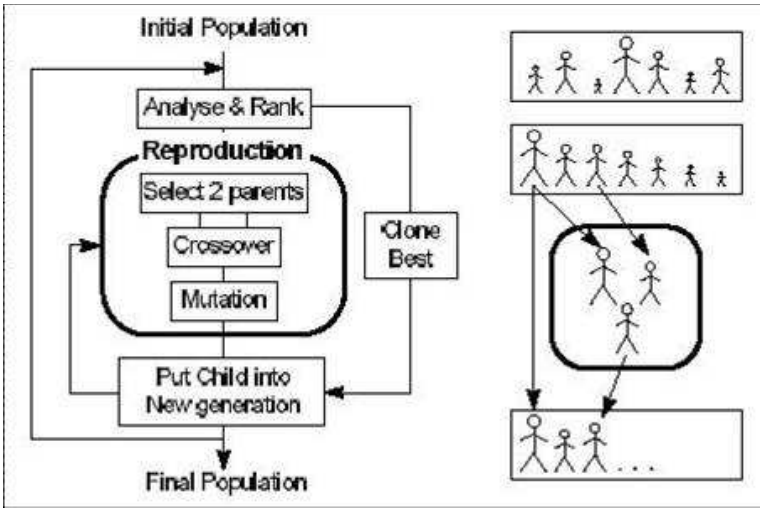

Figure 6.2: Depiction of evolutionary algorithm

They can be enumerated as follows:

1. Select an initial population randomly and perform function evaluations on these individuals

2. Perform selection for parents based on relative fitness

3. Apply crossover and mutation to generate `new_solutions_generated` new individuals from the selected parents
   - Apply crossover with a fixed probability from two selected parents
   - If crossover is applied, apply mutation to the newly generated individual with a fixed probability
   - If crossover is not applied, apply mutation with a fixed probability to a single selected parent
4. Perform function evaluations on the new individuals
5. Perform replacement to determine the new population
6. Return to step 2 and continue the algorithm until convergence criteria are satisfied or iteration limits are exceeded

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_beta
- coliny_direct
- coliny_pattern_search
- coliny_cobyla
- coliny_solis_wets

population_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- population_size

Set the population size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 50

Description

The number of designs in the population is specified by the `population_size`.

initialization_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- initialization_type

Specify how to initialize the population

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: unique_random

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	simple_random	Create random initial solutions
			unique_random	Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)
			flat_file	Read initial solutions from file

Description

The `initialization_type` defines how the initial population is created for the GA. There are three types:

1. `simple_random`
2. `unique_random` (default)
3. `flat_file`

Setting the size for the `flat_file` initializer has the effect of requiring a minimum number of designs to create. If this minimum number has not been created once the files are all read, the rest are created using the `unique_random` initializer and then the `simple_random` initializer if necessary.

simple_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- initialization_type
- simple_random

Create random initial solutions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`simple_random` creates initial solutions with random variable values according to a uniform random number distribution. It gives no consideration to any previously generated designs.

unique_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- initialization_type
- unique_random

Create random initial solutions, but enforce uniqueness (default)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`unique_random` is the same as `simple_random`, except that when a new solution is generated, it is checked against the rest of the solutions. If it duplicates any of them, it is rejected.

flat_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- initialization_type
- flat_file

Read initial solutions from file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`flat_file` allows the initial population to be read from a flat file. If `flat_file` is specified, a file name must be given.

fitness_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- fitness_type

Select fitness type

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: linear_rank

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** linear_rank	**Dakota Keyword Description** Set selection scaling
			merit_function	Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Description

The `fitness_type` controls how strongly differences in "fitness" (i.e., the objective function) are weighted in the process of selecting "parents" for crossover. It has two options, `linear_rank` and `merit_function`.

linear_rank

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- fitness_type
- linear_rank

Set selection scaling

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `linear_rank` setting uses a linear scaling of probability of selection based on the rank order of each individual's objective function within the population

merit_function

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- fitness_type
- merit_function

Balance goals of reducing objective function and satisfying constraints

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A `merit_function` is a function in constrained optimization that attempts to provide joint progress toward reducing the objective function and satisfying the constraints.

replacement_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- replacement_type

Select a replacement type for SCOLIB evolutionary algorithm (`coliny_ea`)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: elitist=1

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	random	Create new population randomly

			chc	Create new population using replacement
			elitist	Use the best designs to form a new population
	Optional		new_solutions_generated	Replace population with individuals chosen from population

Description

The replacement_type controls how current populations and newly generated individuals are combined to create a new population. Each of the replacement_type selections accepts an associated integer value, which is specified by the `replacement_size`:

The random setting creates a new population using (a) `replacement_size` randomly selected individuals from the current population, and (b) `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from among the newly generated individuals (the number of which is optionally specified using `new_solutions_generated`) that are created for each generation (using the selection, crossover, and mutation procedures).

The chc setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the combination of the current population and the newly generated individuals, and (b) `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from among the remaining individuals in this combined pool. The chc setting is the preferred selection for many engineering problems.

The elitist (default) setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the current population, (b) and `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from the newly generated individuals. It is possible in this case to lose a good solution from the newly generated individuals if it is not randomly selected for replacement; however, the default `new_solutions_generated` value is set such that the entire set of newly generated individuals will be selected for replacement.

Note that `new_solutions_generated` is not recognized by Dakota as a valid keyword unless `replacement_type` has been specified.

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- replacement_type
- random

Create new population randomly

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The replacement_type controls how current populations and newly generated individuals are combined to create a new population. Each of the replacement_type selections accepts an integer value, which is referred as the replacement_size:

The random setting creates a new population using:

- replacement_size randomly selected individuals from the current population, and
- population_size - replacement_size individuals randomly selected from among the newly generated individuals (the number of which is optionally specified using new_solutions_generated) that are created for each generation (using the selection, crossover, and mutation procedures).

chc

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- replacement_type
- chc

Create new population using replacement

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The replacement_type controls how current populations and newly generated individuals are combined to create a new population. Each of the replacement_type selections accepts an integer value, which is referred as the replacement_size:

The chc setting creates a new population using (a) the replacement_size best individuals from the *combination* of the current population and the newly generated individuals, and (b) population_size - replacement_size individuals randomly selected from among the remaining individuals in this combined pool. The chc setting is the preferred selection for many engineering problems.

elitist

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- replacement_type
- elitist

Use the best designs to form a new population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The `elitist` (default) setting creates a new population using (a) the `replacement_size` best individuals from the current population, (b) and `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from the newly generated individuals. It is possible in this case to lose a good solution from the newly generated individuals if it is not randomly selected for replacement; however, the default `new_solutions_generated` value is set such that the entire set of newly generated individuals will be selected for replacement.

new_solutions_generated

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- replacement_type
- new_solutions_generated

Replace population with individuals chosen from population

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: population_size - replacement_size

Description

- The `random` setting creates a new population using (a) `replacement_size` randomly selected individuals from the current population, and (b) `population_size` - `replacement_size` individuals randomly selected from among the newly generated individuals (the number of which is optionally specified using `new_solutions_generated`) that are created for each generation (using the selection, crossover, and mutation procedures).

crossover_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- crossover_rate

Specify the probability of a crossover event

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.8

Description

The `crossover_type` controls what approach is employed for combining parent genetic information to create offspring, and the `crossover_rate` specifies the probability of a crossover operation being performed to generate a new offspring. The SCOLIB EA method supports three forms of crossover, `two_point`, `blend`, and `uniform`, which generate a new individual through combinations of two parent individuals. Two-point crossover divides each parent into three regions, where offspring are created from the combination of the middle region from one parent and the end regions from the other parent. Since the SCOLIB EA does not utilize bit representations of variable values, the crossover points only occur on coordinate boundaries, never within the bits of a particular coordinate. Uniform crossover creates offspring through random combination of coordinates from the two parents. Blend crossover generates a new individual randomly along the multidimensional vector connecting the two parents.

crossover_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- crossover_type

Select a crossover type

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: two_point

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword two_point	Dakota Keyword Description Combine middle of one parent with end of another
			blend	Random blend of parents
			uniform	Randomly combine coordinates from parents

Description

The `crossover_type` controls what approach is employed for combining parent genetic information to create offspring. The SCOLIB EA method supports three forms of crossover, `two_point`, `blend`, and `uniform`, which generate a new individual through combinations of two parent individuals.

two_point

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- crossover_type
- two_point

Combine middle of one parent with end of another

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Two-point crossover divides each parent into three regions, where offspring are created from the combination of the middle region from one parent and the end regions from the other parent. Since the SCOLIB EA does not utilize bit representations of variable values, the crossover points only occur on coordinate boundaries, never within the bits of a particular coordinate.

blend

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- crossover_type
- blend

Random blend of parents

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`blend` crossover generates a new individual randomly along the multidimensional vector connecting the two parents.

uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- crossover_type
- uniform

Randomly combine coordinates from parents

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Uniform crossover creates offspring through random combination of coordinates from the two parents.

mutation_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_rate

Set probability of a mutation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0

Description

The `mutation_rate` controls the probability of mutation being performed on an individual, both for new individuals generated by crossover (if crossover occurs) and for individuals from the existing population. It is the fraction of trial points that are mutated in a given iteration and therefore must be specified to be between 0 and 1.

mutation_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type

Select a mutation type

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: offset_normal

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	replace_uniform	Replace coordinate with randomly generated value
			offset_normal	Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution
			offset_cauchy	Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset
			offset_uniform	Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution
	Optional		non_adaptive	Disable self-adaptive mutation

Description

The `mutation_type` controls what approach is employed in randomly modifying continuous design variables within the EA population. Each of the mutation methods generates coordinate-wise changes to individuals, usually by adding a random variable to a given coordinate value (an `offset_*` mutation), but also by replacing a given coordinate value with a random variable (a `replace_*` mutation).

Discrete design variables are always mutated using the `offset_uniform` method.

replace_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- replace_uniform

Replace coordinate with randomly generated value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `replace_uniform` mutation type generates a replacement value for a coordinate using a uniformly distributed value over the total range for that coordinate.

offset_normal

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_normal

Set mutation offset to use a normal distribution

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter
	Optional		mutation_range	Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Description

The `offset_normal` type is an "offset" mutation that adds a 0-mean random variable with a normal uniform distribution to the existing coordinate value. The offset is limited in magnitude by `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_normal
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `mutation_scale` specifies a scale factor which scales continuous mutation offsets; this is a fraction of the total range of each dimension, so `mutation_scale` is a relative value between 0 and 1.

mutation_range

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_normal
- mutation_range

Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The `mutation_range` is used to control `offset_uniform` mutation used for discrete parameters. The replacement discrete value is the original value plus or minus an integer value up to `mutation_range`.

offset_cauchy

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy

Use a Cauchy distribution for the mutation offset

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter
	Optional		mutation_range	Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Description

The `offset_cauchy` type is an "offset" mutation that adds a 0-mean random variable with a cauchy distribution to the existing coordinate value. The offset is limited in magnitude by `mutation_scale`.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `mutation_scale` specifies a scale factor which scales continuous mutation offsets; this is a fraction of the total range of each dimension, so `mutation_scale` is a relative value between 0 and 1.

mutation_range

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_cauchy
- mutation_range

Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The `mutation_range` is used to control `offset_uniform` mutation used for discrete parameters. The replacement discrete value is the original value plus or minus an integer value up to `mutation_range`.

offset_uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform

Set mutation offset to use a uniform distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mutation_scale	Scales mutation across range of parameter
	Optional		mutation_range	Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Description

The `offset_uniform` type is an "offset" mutation that adds a 0-mean random variable with a uniform distribution to the existing coordinate value. The offset is limited in magnitude by `mutation_scale`

For discrete design variables, `offset_uniform` is always used, and `mutation_range` controls the magnitude of the mutation.

mutation_scale

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type

- offset_uniform
- mutation_scale

Scales mutation across range of parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

The `mutation_scale` specifies a scale factor which scales continuous mutation offsets; this is a fraction of the total range of each dimension, so `mutation_scale` is a relative value between 0 and 1.

mutation_range

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- offset_uniform
- mutation_range

Set uniform offset control for discrete parameters

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The `mutation_range` is used to control `offset_uniform` mutation used for discrete parameters. The replacement discrete value is the original value plus or minus an integer value up to `mutation_range`.

non_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- mutation_type
- non_adaptive

Disable self-adaptive mutation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Adaptive mutation

Description

The SCOLIB EA method uses self-adaptive mutation, which modifies the mutation scale dynamically. This mechanism is borrowed from EAs like evolution strategies. The `non_adaptive` flag can be used to deactivate the self-adaptation, which may facilitate a more global search.

Note that `non_adaptive` is not recognized by Dakota as a valid keyword unless `mutation_type` has been specified.

constraint_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- constraint_penalty

Multiplier for the penalty function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

Description

Most SCOLIB optimizers treat constraints with a simple penalty scheme that adds `constraint_penalty` times the sum of squares of the constraint violations to the objective function. The default value of `constraint_penalty` is 1000.0, except for methods that dynamically adapt their constraint penalty, for which the default value is 1.0.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored
2. value - multiplicative scaling
3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_ea
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.39 coliny_beta

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta

(Experimental) Coliny beta solver

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_scolib
- package_coliny

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		beta_solver_name	Use an in-development SCOLIB solver
	Optional		solution_target	Stopping criteria based on objective function value
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		show_misc_options	Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input
	Optional		misc_options	Set method options not available through Dakota spec
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This method keyword allows testing of experimental (beta) Coliny (Scolib) optimization solvers during software development. It is intended primarily for developer use. Additional information on Coliny solvers is available at package_scolib.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_direct
- coliny_pattern_search
- coliny_cobyla
- coliny_ea
- coliny_solis_wets

beta_solver_name

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- beta_solver_name

Use an in-development SCOLIB solver

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

This is a means of accessing new methods in SCOLIB before they are exposed through the Dakota interface. Seek help from a Dakota or SCOLIB developer or a Dakota developer.

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- solution_target

Stopping criteria based on objective function value

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -DBL_MAX

Description

`solution_target` is a termination criterion. The algorithm will terminate when the function value falls below solution_target.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

show_misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- show_misc_options

Show algorithm parameters not exposed in Dakota input

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no dump of specification options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- misc_options

Set method options not available through Dakota spec

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

All SCOLIB methods support the `show_misc_options` optional specification which results in a dump of all the allowable method inputs. Note that the information provided by this command refers to optimizer parameters that are internal to SCOLIB, and which may differ from corresponding parameters used by the Dakota interface. The `misc_options` optional specification provides a means for inputing additional settings supported by the SCOLIB methods but which are not currently mapped through the Dakota input specification. Care must be taken in using this specification; they should only be employed by users familiar with the full range of parameter specifications available directly from SCOLIB and understand any differences that exist between those specifications and the ones available through Dakota.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored
2. value - multiplicative scaling
3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- coliny_beta
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.40 nl2sol

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol

Trust-region method for nonlinear least squares

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- nonlinear_least_squares

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		function_precision	Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses
	Optional		absolute_conv_tol	Absolute convergence tolerance
	Optional		x_conv_tol	X-convergence tolerance
	Optional		singular_conv_tol	Singular convergence tolerance
	Optional		singular_radius	Singular radius
	Optional		false_conv_tol	False convergence tolerance
	Optional		initial_trust_radius	Initial trust region radius
	Optional		covariance	Determine how the final covariance matrix is computed
	Optional		regression_-diagnostics	Turn on regression diagnostics
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	speculative	Compute speculative gradients
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

NL2SOL is available as `nl2sol` and addresses unconstrained and bound-constrained least squares problems. It uses a trust-region method (and thus can be viewed as a generalization of the Levenberg-Marquardt algorithm) and adaptively chooses between two Hessian approximations, the Gauss-Newton approximation alone and the Gauss-Newton approximation plus a quasi-Newton approximation to the rest of the Hessian. Even on small-residual problems, the latter Hessian approximation can be useful when the starting guess is far from the solution. On problems that are not over-parameterized (i.e., that do not involve more optimization variables than the data support), NL2SOL usually exhibits fast convergence.

Several internal NL2SOL convergence tolerances are adjusted in response to `function_precision`, which gives the relative precision to which responses are computed.

These tolerances may also be specified explicitly using:

- `convergence_tolerance` (NL2SOL's `rfctol`)
- `x_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `xctol`)
- `absolute_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `afctol`)
- `singular_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `sctol`)
- `false_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `xftol`)
- `initial_trust_radius` (NL2SOL's `lmax0`)

The internal NL2SOL defaults can be obtained for many of these controls by specifying the value -1. The internal defaults are often functions of machine epsilon (as limited by `function_precision`).

Examples

An example of `nl2sol` is given below, and is discussed in the User's Manual.

Note that in this usage of calibration_terms, the driver script `rosenbrock`, is returning "residuals", which the `nl2sol` method is attempting to minimze. Another use case is to provide a data file, which Dakota will attempt

to match the model responses to. See calibration_data_file. Finally, as of Dakota 6.2, the field data capability may be used with nl2sol. That is, the user can specify field simulation data and field experiment data, and Dakota will interpolate and provide the proper residuals for the calibration.

```
# Dakota Input File: rosen_opt_nls.in
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'rosen_opt_nls.dat'

method
  max_iterations = 100
  convergence_tolerance = 1e-4
  nl2sol

model
  single

variables
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point    -1.2      1.0
    lower_bounds     -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds      2.0      2.0
    descriptors       'x1'     "x2"

interface
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
    direct

responses
  calibration_terms = 2
  analytic_gradients
  no_hessians
```

Theory

NL2SOL has a variety of internal controls as described in AT&T Bell Labs CS TR 153 (http://cm.bell-labs.-com/cm/cs/cstr/153.ps.gz). A number of existing Dakota controls (method independent controls and responses controls) are mapped into these NL2SOL internal controls. In particular, Dakota's convergence-_tolerance, max_iterations, max_function_evaluations, and fd_gradient_step_size are mapped directly into NL2SOL's rfctol, mxiter, mxfcal, and dltfdj controls, respectively. In addition, Dakota's fd_hessian_step_size is mapped into both delta0 and dltfdc, and Dakota's output verbosity is mapped into NL2SOL's auxprt and outlev (for normal/verbose/debug output, N-L2SOL prints initial guess, final solution, solution statistics, nondefault values, and changes to the active bound constraint set on every iteration; for quiet output, NL2SOL prints only the initial guess and final solution; and for silent output, NL2SOL output is suppressed).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- nlssol_sqp
- optpp_g_newton
- field_calibration_terms

function_precision

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- function_precision

Specify the maximum precision of the analysis code responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-10

Description

The `function_precision` control provides the algorithm with an estimate of the accuracy to which the problem functions can be computed. This is used to prevent the algorithm from trying to distinguish between function values that differ by less than the inherent error in the calculation.

absolute_conv_tol

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- absolute_conv_tol

Absolute convergence tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default)

Description

`absolute_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `afctol`) is the absolute function convergence tolerance (stop when half the sum of squares is less than `absolute_conv_tol`, which is mainly of interest on zero-residual test problems).

The internal default is a function of machine epsilon (as limited by `function_precision`). The default is selected with a value of -1.

x_conv_tol

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- x_conv_tol

X-convergence tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default)

Description

`x_conv_tol` maps to the internal NL2SOL control `xctol`. It is the X-convergence tolerance (scaled relative accuracy of the solution variables).

The internal default is a function of machine epsilon (as limited by `function_precision`). The default is selected with a value of -1.

singular_conv_tol

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- singular_conv_tol

Singular convergence tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default)

Description

`singular_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `sctol`) is the singular convergence tolerance, which works in conjunction with singular_radius to test for underdetermined least-squares problems (stop when the relative reduction yet possible in the sum of squares appears less then `singular_conv_tol` for steps of scaled length at most singular_radius).

The internal default is a function of machine epsilon (as limited by `function_precision`). The default is selected with a value of -1.

singular_radius

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- singular_radius

Singular radius

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default of 1)

Description

`singular_radius` works in conjunction with singular_conv_tol to test for underdetermined least-squares problems (stop when the relative reduction yet possible in the sum of squares appears less than `singular_conv_tol` for steps of scaled length at most singular_radius).

The internal default results in the internal use of steps of length 1. The default is selected with a value of -1.

false_conv_tol

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- false_conv_tol

False convergence tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default)

Description

`false_conv_tol` (NL2SOL's `xftol`) is the false-convergence tolerance (stop with a suspicion of discontinuity when a more favorable stopping test is not satisfied and a step of scaled length at most `false_conv_tol` is not accepted)

The internal default is a function of machine epsilon (as limited by `function_precision`). The default is selected with a value of -1.

initial_trust_radius

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- initial_trust_radius

Initial trust region radius

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: -1. (use NL2SOL internal default of 1)

Description

`initial_trust_radius` specification (NL2SOL's `lmax0`) specifies the initial trust region radius for the algorithm.

The internal default results in the internal use of steps of length 1. The default is selected with a value of -1.

covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- covariance

Determine how the final covariance matrix is computed

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0 (no covariance)

Description

`covariance` (NL2SOL's `covreq`) specifies whether and how NL2SOL computes a final covariance matrix.

The desired covariance approximation:

- 0 = default = none
- 1 or -1 ==> $\sigma^2 H^{-1} J^T J H^{-1}$
- 2 or -2 ==> $\sigma^2 H^{-1}$
- 3 or -3 ==> $\sigma^2 (J^T J)^{-1}$

- Negative values ==> estimate the final Hessian H by finite differences of function values only (using `fd_hessian_step_size`)
- Positive values ==> differences of gradients (using `fd_hessian_step_size`)

regression_diagnostics

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- regression_diagnostics

Turn on regression diagnostics

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no regression diagnostics

Description

When `regression_diagnostics` (NL2SOL's `rdreq`) is specified and a positive-definite final Hessian approximation H is computed, NL2SOL computes and prints a regression diagnostic vector RD such that if omitting the i-th observation would cause alpha times the change in the solution that omitting the j-th observation would cause, then RD[i] = |alpha| RD[j]. The finite-difference step-size tolerance affecting H is fd_step_size (NL2SOL's `delta0` and `dltfdc`).

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

speculative

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- speculative

Compute speculative gradients

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no speculation

Description

When performing gradient-based optimization in parallel, `speculative` gradients can be selected to address the load imbalance that can occur between gradient evaluation and line search phases. In a typical gradient-based optimization, the line search phase consists primarily of evaluating the objective function and any constraints at a trial point, and then testing the trial point for a sufficient decrease in the objective function value and/or constraint violation. If a sufficient decrease is not observed, then one or more additional trial points may be attempted sequentially. However, if the trial point is accepted then the line search phase is complete and the gradient evaluation phase begins. By speculating that the gradient information associated with a given line search trial point will be used later, additional coarse grained parallelism can be introduced by computing the gradient information (either by finite difference or analytically) in parallel, at the same time as the line search phase trial-point function values. This balances the total amount of computation to be performed at each design point and allows for efficient utilization of multiple processors. While the total amount of work performed will generally increase (since some speculative gradients will not be used when a trial point is rejected in the line search phase), the run time will usually decrease (since gradient evaluations needed at the start of each new optimization cycle were already performed in parallel during the line search phase). Refer to [14] for additional details. The speculative specification is implemented for the gradient-based optimizers in the DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ libraries, and it can be used with dakota numerical or analytic gradient selections in the responses specification (refer to responses gradient section for information on these specifications). It should not be selected with vendor numerical gradients since vendor internal finite difference algorithms have not been modified for this purpose. In full-Newton approaches, the Hessian is also computed speculatively. NPSOL and NLSSOL do not support speculative gradients, as their gradient-based line search in user-supplied gradient mode (dakota numerical or analytic gradients) is a superior approach for load-balanced parallel execution.

The speculative specification enables speculative computation of gradient and/or Hessian information, where applicable, for parallel optimization studies. By speculating that the derivative information at the current point will be used later, the complete data set (all available gradient/Hessian information) can be computed on every function evaluation. While some of these computations will be wasted, the positive effects are a consistent parallel load balance and usually shorter wall clock time. The speculative specification is applicable only when parallelism in the gradient calculations can be exploited by Dakota (it will be ignored for vendor numerical gradients).

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also max_iterations.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- nl2sol
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.41 nonlinear_cg

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg

(Experimental) nonlinear conjugate gradient optimization

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- local_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		misc_options	Options for nonlinear CG optimizer
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This method is an incomplete experimental implementation of nonlinear conjugate gradient optimization, a local, gradient-based solver.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg
- misc_options

Options for nonlinear CG optimizer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

List of miscellaneous string options to pass to the experimental nonlinear CG solver (see NonlinearCGOptimizer.-cpp in the Dakota source code for available controls). Includes controls for step sizes, linesearch control, convergence, etc.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].
4. `log` - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional `*_scales` specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The `*scales` keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding `*scale_type`, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- `none`, `auto`, `log` - optional
- `value` - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than `1.0e10*DBL_MIN`. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- nonlinear_cg
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.42 ncsu_direct

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct

DIviding RECTangles method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- global_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	solution_target	Specifies a globally optimal value toward which the optimizer should track
	Optional	min_boxsize_limit	Stopping Criterion based on shortest edge of hyperrectangle
	Optional	volume_boxsize_limit	Stopping criterion based on volume of search space
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

North Carolina State University (NCSU) has an implementation of the DIRECT algorithm (DIviding RECTangles algorithm that is outlined in the SCOLIB method section above). This version is documented in [28] We have found that the NCSU DIRECT implementation works better and is more robust for some problems than `coliny_direct`. Currently, we maintain both versions of DIRECT in Dakota; in the future, we may deprecate one.

The NCSU DIRECT method is selected with `ncsu_direct`. We have tried to maintain consistency between the keywords in SCOLIB and NCSU implementation of DIRECT, but the algorithms have different parameters, so the keywords sometimes have slightly different meaning.

Stopping Criteria

The algorithm stops based on:

1. max_iterations - number of iterations
2. max_function_evaluations - number of function evaluations

3. solution_target and convergence_tolerance
4. min_boxsize_limit
5. volume_boxsize_limit

This method will always strictly respect the number of iterations, but may slightly exceed the number of function evaluations, as it will always explore all sub-rectangles at the current level.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- coliny_direct

solution_target

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- solution_target

Specifies a globally optimal value toward which the optimizer should track

Specification

Alias: solution_accuracy
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0

Description

The solution target specifies a goal toward which the optimizer should track.

This is used for test problems, when the true global minimum is known (call it `solution_target` := fglobal). Then, the optimization terminates when 100(f_min-fglobal)/max(1,abs(fglobal) < convergence_tolerance. The default for fglobal is -1.0e100 and the default for convergence tolerance is described at convergence_tolerance.

min_boxsize_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- min_boxsize_limit

Stopping Criterion based on shortest edge of hyperrectangle

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-4

Description

`min_boxsize_limit` is a setting that terminates the optimization when the measure of a hyperrectangle S with f(c(S)) = fmin is less than min_boxsize_limit.

Each subregion considered by DIRECT has a **size**, which corresponds to the longest diagonal of the subregion.

`min_boxsize_limit` specification terminates DIRECT if the size of the smallest subregion falls below this threshold.

In practice, this specification is likely to be more effective at limiting DIRECT's search.

volume_boxsize_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- volume_boxsize_limit

Stopping criterion based on volume of search space

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.0e-6

Description

`volume_boxsize_limit` is a setting that terminates the optimization when the volume of a hyperrectangle S with f(c(S)) = fmin is less than volume_boxsize_limit percent of the original hyperrectangle. Basically, volume_boxsize_limit stops the optimization when the volume of the particular rectangle which has fmin is less than a certain percentage of the whole volume.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling
3. `auto` - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- ncsu_direct
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.43 genie_opt_darts

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_opt_darts

Voronoi-based high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional		scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

OPT-Darts method is a fast alternative to DIRECT for global Lipschitzian optimization purposes. Instead of hyperrectangular, OPT-Darts decomposes a high-dimensional domain into Voronoi cells, and places samples via stochastic blue noise instead of deterministic cell division.

To refine a cell, OPT-Darts first adds a new sample within it via spoke-dart sampling, then set the conflict radius to the cells inscribed hypersphere radius, to avoid adding a sample point that is too close to a prior sample, then divide that cell (and update its neighboring cells) via the approximate Delaunay graph, and use the computed witnesses to decide the next refinement candidate. These two steps replace the corresponding deterministic center-sample and rectangular cell division in DIRECT, respectively.

OPT-Darts is the first exact stochastic Lipschitzian optimization technique that combines the benefits of guaranteed convergence in [Jones et al. 1993] and high dimensional efficiency in [Spall 2005]. Computing blue noise and Voronoi regions has been intractable in high dimensions, and are being done within OPT-Darts using Spoke-Darts.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_opt_darts
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_opt_darts
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_opt_darts
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a *scales keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a *scale_type keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. none (default) - no scaling, value of *scales keyword is ignored
2. value - multiplicative scaling
3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100

responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_opt_darts
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.44 genie_direct

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_direct

Classical high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization Classical high-dimensional global Lipschitzian optimization

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		max_function_-evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional		scaling	Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

DIRECT (DIviding RECTangles) partitions the domain into hyperrectangles and uses an iterative Lipschitzian optimization approach to search for a global optimal point.

DIRECT begins by scaling the domain into the unit hypercube by adopting a center-sampling strategy. The objective function is evaluated at the midpoint of the domain, where a lower bound is constructed. In one-dimension, the domain is tri-sected and two new center points are sampled. At each iteration (dividing and sampling), DIRECT identifies intervals that contain the best minimal value of the objective function found up to that point. This strategy of selecting and dividing gives DIRECT its performance and convergence properties compared to other deterministic methods.

The classical DIRECT method [Shubert 1972] has two limitations: poor scaling to high dimensions; and relying on a global K; whose exact value is often unknown. The enhanced DIRECT algorithm [Jones et al. 1993] generalizes [Shubert 1972] to higher dimensions and does not require knowledge of the Lipschitz constant.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_direct
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_direct
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also `max_iterations`.

scaling

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_direct
- scaling

Turn on scaling for variables, responses, and constraints

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no scaling

Description

Some of the optimization and calibration methods support scaling of continuous design variables, objective functions, calibration terms, and constraints. This is activated by by providing the `scaling` keyword. Discrete variable scaling is not supported.

When scaling is enabled, variables, functions, gradients, Hessians, etc., are transformed such that the method iterates in scaled variable space, whereas evaluations of the computational model as specified in the interface are performed on the original problem scale. Therefore using scaling does not require rewriting the interface to the simulation code.

Scaling also requires the specification of additional keywords which are found in the method, variables, and responses blocks. When the `scaling` keyword is omitted, all `_scale_types` and `*_scales` specifications are ignored in the method, variables, and responses sections.

This page describes the usage of all scaling related keywords. The additional keywords come in pairs, one pair for each set of quantities to be scaled. These quantities can be constraint equations, variables, or responses.

- a `*scales` keyword, which gives characteristic values
- a `*scale_type` keyword, which determines how to use the characteristic values

The pair of keywords both take argument(s), and the length of the arguments can either be zero, one, or equal to the number of quantities to be scaled. If one argument is given, it will apply to all quantities in the set. See the examples below.

Scale Types

There are four scale types:

1. `none` (default) - no scaling, value of `*scales` keyword is ignored
2. `value` - multiplicative scaling

3. auto - automatic scaling

   First the quantity is scaled by the characteristic value, then automatic scaling will be attempted according to the following scheme:

   - two-sided bounds scaled into the interval [0,1];
   - one-sided bound or targets are scaled by the characteristic value, moving the bound or target to 1 and changing the sense of inequalities where necessary;
   - no bounds or targets: no automatic scaling possible, therefore no scaling for this component

   Automatic scaling is not available for objective functions nor calibration terms since they lack bound constraints. Futher, when automatically scaled, linear constraints are scaled by characteristic values only, not affinely scaled into [0,1].

4. log - logarithmic scaling

   First, any characteristic values from the optional *_scales specification are applied. Then logarithm base 10 scaling is applied.

   Logarithmic scaling is not available for linear constraints.

   When continuous design variables are log scaled, linear constraints are not allowed.

Scales

The *scales keywords are used to specify the characteristic values. These must be non-zero real numbers. The numbers are used according to the corresponding *scale_type, as described above.

Depending on the scale type, the characteristic values may be required or optional.

- none, auto, log - optional
- value - required.

A warning is issued if scaling would result in division by a value smaller in magnitude than 1.0e10*DBL_MIN. User-provided values violating this lower bound are accepted unaltered, whereas for automatically calculated scaling, the lower bound is enforced.

Examples

The two examples below are equivalent:

```
responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100


responses
  objective_functions 3
  sense "maximize"
  primary_scale_types = "value" "value" "value"
  primary_scales = 1 1 100
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- genie_direct
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.45 efficient_global

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global

Global Surrogate Based Optimization, a.k.a. EGO

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- global_optimization_methods
- surrogate_based_optimization_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
	Optional	use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional	import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional	export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Efficient Global Optimization (EGO) method was first developed by Jones, Schonlau, and Welch[54]. In EGO, a stochastic response surface approximation for the objective function is developed based on some sample points from the "true" simulation.

Note that several major differences exist between our implementation and that of[54]. First, rather than using a branch and bound method to find the point which maximizes the EIF, we use the DIRECT global optimization method.

Second, we support both global optimization and global nonlinear least squares as well as general nonlinear constraints through abstraction and subproblem recasting.

The efficient global method is in prototype form. Currently, we do not expose any specification controls for the underlying Gaussian process model used or for the optimization of the expected improvement function (which is currently performed by the NCSU DIRECT algorithm using its internal defaults).

By default, EGO uses the Surfpack GP (Kriging) model, but the Dakota implementation may be selected instead. If `use_derivatives` is specified the GP model will be built using available derivative data (Surfpack GP only).

Theory

The particular response surface used is a Gaussian process (GP). The GP allows one to calculate the prediction at a new input location as well as the uncertainty associated with that prediction. The key idea in EGO is to maximize the Expected Improvement Function (EIF). The EIF is used to select the location at which a new training point

should be added to the Gaussian process model by maximizing the amount of improvement in the objective function that can be expected by adding that point. A point could be expected to produce an improvement in the objective function if its predicted value is better than the current best solution, or if the uncertainty in its prediction is such that the probability of it producing a better solution is high. Because the uncertainty is higher in regions of the design space with few observations, this provides a balance between exploiting areas of the design space that predict good solutions, and exploring areas where more information is needed. EGO trades off this ”exploitation vs. exploration.” The general procedure for these EGO-type methods is:

- Build an initial Gaussian process model of the objective function
- Find the point that maximizes the EIF. If the EIF value at this point is sufficiently small, stop.
- Evaluate the objective function at the point where the EIF is maximized. Update the Gaussian process model using this new point.
- Return to the previous step.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- surrogate_based_local
- surrogate_based_global

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging
Argument(s): none
Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK’s correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging’s correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK’s correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK’s correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging’s correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK’s correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK’s correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global

- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global

- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **tabular format (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file

- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_global
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.46 polynomial_chaos

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos

Uncertainty quantification using polynomial chaos expansions

Specification

Alias: nond_polynomial_chaos

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		p_refinement	Automatic polynomial order refinement
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Basis polynomial family (Group 1)**	askey	Select the standardized random variables (and associated basis polynomials) from the Askey family that best match the user-specified random variables.
			wiener	Use standard normal random variables (along with Hermite orthogonal basis polynomials) when transforming to a standardized probability space.

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Coefficient estimation approach (Group 2)**	quadrature_order	Cubature using tensor-products of Gaussian quadrature rules
			sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation
			cubature_integrand	Cubature using Stroud rules and their extensions
			expansion_order	The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion
			orthogonal_least_interpolation	Build a polynomial chaos expansion from simulation samples using orthogonal least interpolation.
			import_expansion_file	Build a Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) by import coefficients and a multi-index from a file
	Optional		variance_based_decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into main, interaction, and total effects

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Covariance type (Group 3)**	diagonal_covariance	Display only the diagonal terms of the covariance matrix
			full_covariance	Display the full covariance matrix
	Optional		normalized	The normalized specification requests output of PCE coefficients that correspond to normalized orthogonal basis polynomials
	Optional		sample_type	Selection of sampling strategy
	Optional		probability_refinement	Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling
	Optional		import_approx_points_file	Filename for points at which to evaluate the PCE/SC surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional		export_expansion_file	Export the coefficients and multi-index of a Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) to a file

	Optional	fixed_seed	Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	reliability_levels	Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated
	Optional	response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) is a general framework for the approximate representation of random response functions in terms of finite-dimensional series expansions in standardized random variables

$$R = \sum_{i=0}^{P} \alpha_i \Psi_i(\xi)$$

where α_i is a deterministic coefficient, Ψ_i is a multidimensional orthogonal polynomial and ξ is a vector of standardized random variables. An important distinguishing feature of the methodology is that the functional relationship between random inputs and outputs is captured, not merely the output statistics as in the case of many nondeterministic methodologies.

Basis polynomial family (Group 1)

Group 1 keywords are used to select the type of basis, Ψ_i, of the expansion. Three approaches may be employed:

- Wiener: employs standard normal random variables in a transformed probability space, corresponding to Hermite orthogonal basis polynomials (see wiener).
- Askey: employs standard normal, standard uniform, standard exponential, standard beta, and standard gamma random variables in a transformed probability space, corresponding to Hermite, Legendre, Laguerre, Jacobi, and generalized Laguerre orthogonal basis polynomials, respectively (see askey).
- Extended (default if no option is selected): The Extended option avoids the use of any nonlinear variable transformations by augmenting the Askey approach with numerically-generated orthogonal polynomials for non-Askey probability density functions. Extended polynomial selections replace each of the sub-optimal Askey basis selections for bounded normal, lognormal, bounded lognormal, loguniform, triangular, gumbel, frechet, weibull, and bin-based histogram.

For supporting correlated random variables, certain fallbacks must be implemented.

- The Extended option is the default and supports only Gaussian correlations.
- If needed to support prescribed correlations (not under user control), the Extended and Askey options will fall back to the Wiener option *on a per variable basis*. If the prescribed correlations are also unsupported by Wiener expansions, then Dakota will exit with an error.

Refer to variable_support for additional information on supported variable types, with and without correlation.

Coefficient estimation approach (Group 2)

To obtain the coefficients α_i of the expansion, seven options are provided:

1. multidimensional integration by a tensor-product of Gaussian quadrature rules (specified with `quadrature_order`, and, optionally, `dimension_preference`).
2. multidimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with `sparse_grid_level` and, optionally, `dimension_preference`)
3. multidimensional integration by Stroud cubature rules and extensions as specified with `cubature_integrand`.
4. multidimensional integration by Latin hypercube sampling (specified with `expansion_order` and `expansion_samples`).
5. linear regression (specified with `expansion_order` and either `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`), using either over-determined (least squares) or under-determined (compressed sensing) approaches.
6. orthogonal least interpolation (specified with `orthogonal_least_interpolation` and `collocation_points`)
7. coefficient import from a file (specified with `import_expansion_file`). The expansion can be comprised of a general set of expansion terms, as indicated by the multi-index annotation within the file.

It is important to note that, while `quadrature_order`, `sparse_grid_level`, and `expansion_order` are array inputs, only one scalar from these arrays is active at a time for a particular expansion estimation. These scalars can be augmented with a `dimension_preference` to support anisotropy across the random dimension set. The array inputs are present to support advanced use cases such as multifidelity UQ, where multiple grid resolutions can be employed.

Active Variables

The default behavior is to form expansions over aleatory uncertain continuous variables. To form expansions over a broader set of variables, one needs to specify `active` followed by `state`, `epistemic`, `design`, or `all` in the variables specification block.

For continuous design, continuous state, and continuous epistemic uncertain variables included in the expansion, Legendre chaos bases are used to model the bounded intervals for these variables. However, these variables are not assumed to have any particular probability distribution, only that they are independent variables. Moreover, when probability integrals are evaluated, only the aleatory random variable domain is integrated, leaving behind a polynomial relationship between the statistics and the remaining design/state/epistemic variables.

Covariance type (Group 3)

These two keywords are used to specify how this method computes, stores, and outputs the covariance of the responses. In particular, the diagonal covariance option is provided for reducing post-processing overhead and output volume in high dimensional applications.

Optional Keywords regarding method outputs

Each of these sampling specifications refer to sampling on the PCE approximation for the purposes of generating approximate statistics.

- `sample_type`
- `samples`
- `seed`
- `fixed_seed`

- rng
- probability_refinement
- distribution
- reliability_levels
- response_levels
- probability_levels
- gen_reliability_levels

which should be distinguished from simulation sampling for generating the PCE coefficients as described in options 4, 5, and 6 above (although these options will share the sample_type, seed, and rng settings, if provided).

When using the probability_refinement control, the number of refinement samples is not under the user's control (these evaluations are approximation-based, so management of this expense is less critical). This option allows for refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling.

Multi-fidelity UQ

The advanced use case of multifidelity UQ automatically becomes active if the model selected for iteration by the method specification is a multifidelity surrogate model (see hierarchical). In this case, an expansion will first be formed for the model discrepancy (the difference between response results if additive correction or the ratio of results if multiplicative correction), using the first quadrature_order, sparse_grid_level, or expansion_order value along with any specified refinement strategy. Second, an expansion will be formed for the low fidelity surrogate model, using the second quadrature_order, sparse_grid_level, or expansion_order value (if present; the first is reused if not present) along with any specified refinement strategy. Then the two expansions are combined (added or multiplied) into an expansion that approximates the high fidelity model, from which the final set of statistics are generated. For polynomial chaos expansions, this high fidelity expansion can differ significantly in form from the low fidelity and discrepancy expansions, particularly in the multiplicative case where it is expanded to include all of the basis products.

Usage Tips

If *n* is small (e.g., two or three), then tensor-product Gaussian quadrature is quite effective and can be the preferred choice. For moderate to large *n* (e.g., five or more), tensor-product quadrature quickly becomes too expensive and the sparse grid and regression approaches are preferred. Random sampling for coefficient estimation is generally not recommended due to its slow convergence rate. For incremental studies, approaches 4 and 5 support reuse of previous samples through the incremental_lhs and reuse_points specifications, respectively.

In the quadrature and sparse grid cases, growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency. For a non-nested Gauss rule used within a sparse grid, linear one-dimensional growth rules of $m = 2l + 1$ are used to enforce odd quadrature orders, where l is the grid level and m is the number of points in the rule. The precision of this Gauss rule is then $i = 2m - 1 = 4l + 1$. For nested rules, order growth with level is typically exponential; however, the default behavior is to restrict the number of points to be the lowest order rule that is available that meets the one-dimensional precision requirement implied by either a level l for a sparse grid ($i = 4l + 1$) or an order m for a tensor grid ($i = 2m - 1$). This behavior is known as "restricted growth" or "delayed sequences." To override this default behavior in the case of sparse grids, the unrestricted keyword can be used; it cannot be overridden for tensor grids using nested rules since it also provides a mapping to the available nested rule quadrature orders. An exception to the default usage of restricted growth is the dimension_adaptive p_refinement generalized sparse grid case described previously, since the ability to evolve the index sets of a sparse grid in an unstructured manner eliminates the motivation for restricting the exponential growth of nested rules.

Additional Resources

Dakota provides access to PCE methods through the NonDPolynomialChaos class. Refer to the Uncertainty Quantification Capabilities chapter of the Users Manual[4] and the Stochastic Expansion Methods chapter of the Theory Manual[6] for additional information on the PCE algorithm.

Examples

```
method,
    polynomial_chaos
      sparse_grid_level = 2
      samples = 10000 seed = 12347 rng rnum2
      response_levels = .1 1. 50. 100. 500. 1000.
      variance_based_decomp
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- gpais
- local_reliability
- global_reliability
- sampling
- importance_sampling
- stoch_collocation

p_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement

Automatic polynomial order refinement

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no refinement

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**p-refinement type (Group 1)**	uniform	Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.
			dimension_-adaptive	Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.

Description

The `p_refinement` keyword specifies the usage of automated polynomial order refinement, which can be either `uniform` or `dimension_adaptive`.

The `dimension_adaptive` option is supported for the tensor-product quadrature and Smolyak sparse grid options and `uniform` is supported for tensor and sparse grids as well as regression approaches (`collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`).

Each of these refinement cases makes use of the `max_iterations` and `convergence_tolerance` method independent controls. The former control limits the number of refinement iterations, and the latter control terminates refinement when the two-norm of the change in the response covariance matrix (or, in goal-oriented approaches, the two-norm of change in the statistical quantities of interest (QOI)) falls below the tolerance.

The `dimension_adaptive` case can be further specified to utilize `sobol`, `decay`, or `generalized` refinement controls. The former two cases employ anisotropic tensor/sparse grids in which the anisotropic dimension preference (leading to anisotropic integrations/expansions with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions) is determined using either total Sobol' indices from variance-based decomposition (`sobol` case: high indices result in high dimension preference) or using spectral coefficient decay rates from a rate estimation technique similar to Richardson extrapolation (`decay` case: low decay rates result in high dimension preference). In these two cases as well as the `uniform` refinement case, the `quadrature_order` or `sparse_grid_level` are ramped by one on each refinement iteration until either of the two convergence controls is satisfied. For the `uniform` refinement case with regression approaches, the `expansion_order` is ramped by one on each iteration while the oversampling ratio (either defined by `collocation_ratio` or inferred from `collocation_points` based on the initial expansion) is held fixed. Finally, the `generalized dimension_adaptive` case is the default adaptive approach; it refers to the generalized sparse grid algorithm, a greedy approach in which candidate index sets are evaluated for their impact on the statistical QOI, the most influential sets are selected and used to generate additional candidates, and the index set frontier of a sparse grid is evolved in an unstructured and goal-oriented manner (refer to User's Manual PCE descriptions for additional specifics).

For the case of p_refinement or the case of an explicit nested override, Gauss-Hermite rules are replaced with Genz-Keister nested rules and Gauss-Legendre rules are replaced with Gauss-Patterson nested rules, both of which exchange lower integrand precision for greater point reuse.

uniform

- Keywords Area

- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement
- uniform

Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The quadrature_order or sparse_grid_level are ramped by one on each refinement iteration until either of the two convergence controls is satisfied. For the uniform refinement case with regression approaches, the expansion_order is ramped by one on each iteration while the oversampling ratio (either defined by collocation_ratio or inferred from collocation_points based on the initial expansion) is held fixed.

dimension_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**dimension adaptivity estimation approach (Group 1)**	sobol	Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.
			decay	Estimate spectral coefficient decay rates to guide dimension-adaptive refinement.
			generalized	Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Description

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to hold higher 'importance' in resolving statistical quantities of interest.

Dimension importance must be estimated as part of the refinement process. Techniques include either sobol or generalized for stochastic collocation and either sobol, decay, or generalized for polynomial chaos. Each of these automated refinement approaches makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance iteration controls.

sobol

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- sobol

Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: generalized

Description

Determine dimension preference for refinement of a stochastic expansion from the total Sobol' sensitivity indices obtained from global sensitivity analysis. High indices indicate high importance for resolving statistical quantities of interest and therefore result in high dimension preference.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement sobol
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

decay

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- decay

Estimate spectral coefficient decay rates to guide dimension-adaptive refinement.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Estimate spectral coefficient decay rates from a rate estimation technique similar to Richardson extrapolation. These decay rates are used to guide dimension-adaptive refinement, where slower decay rates result in higher dimension preference.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement decay
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

generalized

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- generalized

Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The generalized sparse grid algorithm is a greedy approach in which candidate index sets are evaluated for their impact on the statistical QOI, the most influential sets are selected and used to generate additional candidates, and the index set frontier of a sparse grid is evolved in an unstructured and goal-oriented manner (refer to User's Manual PCE descriptions for additional specifics).

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement generalized
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

askey

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- askey

Select the standardized random variables (and associated basis polynomials) from the Askey family that best match the user-specified random variables.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: extended (Askey + numerically-generated)

Description

The Askey option employs standard normal, standard uniform, standard exponential, standard beta, and standard gamma random variables in a transformed probability space. These selections correspond to Hermite, Legendre, Laguerre, Jacobi, and generalized Laguerre orthogonal polynomials, respectively.

Specific mappings for the basis polynomials are based on a closest match criterion, and include Hermite for normal (optimal) as well as bounded normal, lognormal, bounded lognormal, gumbel, frechet, and weibull (sub-optimal); Legendre for uniform (optimal) as well as loguniform, triangular, and bin-based histogram (sub-optimal); Laguerre for exponential (optimal); Jacobi for beta (optimal); and generalized Laguerre for gamma (optimal).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos
- wiener

wiener

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- wiener

Use standard normal random variables (along with Hermite orthogonal basis polynomials) when transforming to a standardized probability space.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: extended (Askey + numerically-generated)

Description

The Wiener option employs standard normal random variables in a transformed probability space, corresponding to a Hermite orthogonal polynomial basis. This is the same nonlinear variable transformation used by local and global reliability methods (and therefore has the same variable support).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos
- askey

quadrature_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- quadrature_order

Cubature using tensor-products of Gaussian quadrature rules

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		dimension_-preference	A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Nesting of quadrature rules (Group 1)**	nested	Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available
			non_nested	Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules

Description

Multidimensional integration by a tensor-product of Gaussian quadrature rules (specified with `quadrature_order`, and, optionally, `dimension_preference`). The default rule selection is to employ `non_nested` Gauss rules including Gauss-Hermite (for normals or transformed normals), Gauss-Legendre (for uniforms or transformed uniforms), Gauss-Jacobi (for betas), Gauss-Laguerre (for exponentials), generalized Gauss-Laguerre (for gammas), and numerically-generated Gauss rules (for other distributions when using an Extended basis). For the case of `p_refinement` or the case of an explicit `nested` override, Gauss-Hermite rules are replaced with Genz-Keister nested rules and Gauss-Legendre rules are replaced with Gauss-Patterson nested rules, both of which exchange lower integrand precision for greater point reuse. By specifying a `dimension_preference`, where higher preference leads to higher order polynomial resolution, the tensor grid may be rendered anisotropic. The dimension specified to have highest preference will be set to the specified `quadrature_order` and all other dimensions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference; any non-integral portion is truncated. To synchronize with tensor-product integration, a tensor-product expansion is used, where the order p_i of the expansion in each dimension is selected to be half of the integrand precision available from the rule in use, rounded down. In the case of non-nested Gauss rules with integrand precision $2m_i - 1$, p_i is one less than the quadrature order m_i in each dimension (a one-dimensional expansion contains the same number of terms, $p + 1$, as the number of Gauss points). The total number of terms, *N*, in a tensor-product expansion involving *n* uncertain input variables is

$$N = 1 + P = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (p_i + 1)$$

In some advanced use cases (e.g., multifidelity UQ), multiple grid resolutions can be employed; for this reason, the `quadrature_order` specification supports an array input.

dimension_preference

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- quadrature_order
- dimension_preference

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: isotropic grids

Description

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension). Using this specification leada to anisotropic integrations with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- sobol
- decay

nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- quadrature_order
- nested

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: quadrature: non_nested unless automated refinement; sparse grids: nested

Description

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the Nested Genz-Keister rule instead of the default non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule variables are

non_nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- quadrature_order
- non_nested

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	restricted	Restrict the growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency.
			unrestricted	Overide the default restriction of growth rates for nested and non-nested rules that are by defualt synchronized for consistency.
	Optional		dimension_-preference	A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Nesting of quadrature rules (Group 2)**	nested	Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available
			non_nested	Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

restricted

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level
- restricted

Restrict the growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: restricted (except for generalized sparse grids)

Description

In the quadrature and sparse grid cases, growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency. For a non-nested Gauss rule used within a sparse grid, linear one-dimensional growth rules of $m = 2l + 1$ are used to enforce odd quadrature orders, where l is the grid level and m is the number of points in the rule. The precision of this Gauss rule is then $i = 2m - 1 = 4l + 1$. For nested rules, order growth with level is typically exponential; however, the default behavior is to restrict the number of points to be the lowest order rule that is available that meets the one-dimensional precision requirement implied by either a level l for a sparse grid ($i = 4l + 1$) or an order m for a tensor grid ($i = 2m - 1$). This behavior is known as "restricted growth" or "delayed sequences." To override this default behavior in the case of sparse grids, the unrestricted keyword can be used; it cannot be overridden for tensor grids using nested rules since it also provides a mapping to the available nested rule quadrature orders. An exception to the default usage of restricted growth is the dimension_adaptive p-_refinement generalized sparse grid case described previously, since the ability to evolve the index sets of a sparse grid in an unstructured manner eliminates the motivation for restricting the exponential growth of nested rules.

unrestricted

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level
- unrestricted

Overide the default restriction of growth rates for nested and non-nested rules that are by defualt synchronized for consistency.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the quadrature and sparse grid cases, growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency. For a non-nested Gauss rule used within a sparse grid, linear one-dimensional growth rules of $m = 2l + 1$ are used to enforce odd quadrature orders, where l is the grid level and m is the number of points in the rule. The precision of this Gauss rule is then $i = 2m - 1 = 4l + 1$. For nested rules, order growth with level is typically exponential; however, the default behavior is to restrict the number of points to be the lowest order rule that is available that meets the one-dimensional precision requirement implied by either a level l for a sparse grid ($i = 4l + 1$) or an order m for a tensor grid ($i = 2m - 1$). This behavior is known as "restricted growth" or "delayed sequences." To override this default behavior in the case of sparse grids, the unrestricted keyword can be used; it cannot be overridden for tensor grids using nested rules since it also provides a mapping to the available nested rule quadrature orders. An exception to the default usage of restricted growth is the dimension_adaptive p-_refinement generalized sparse grid case described previously, since the ability to evolve the index sets of a sparse grid in an unstructured manner eliminates the motivation for restricting the exponential growth of nested rules.

dimension_preference

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level
- dimension_preference

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: isotropic grids

Description

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension). Using this specification leada to anisotropic integrations with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- sobol
- decay

nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level
- nested

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: quadrature: non_nested unless automated refinement; sparse grids: nested

Description

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the Nested Genz-Keister rule instead of the default non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule variables are

non_nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sparse_grid_level
- non_nested

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule

cubature_integrand

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- cubature_integrand

Cubature using Stroud rules and their extensions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by Stroud cubature rules [77] and extensions [90], as specified with `cubature_integrand`. A total-order expansion is used, where the isotropic order *p* of the expansion is half of the integrand order, rounded down. The total number of terms *N* for an isotropic total-order expansion of order *p* over *n* variables is given by

$$N = 1 + P = 1 + \sum_{s=1}^{p} \frac{1}{s!} \prod_{r=0}^{s-1} (n + r) = \frac{(n + p)!}{n!p!}$$

Since the maximum integrand order is currently five for normal and uniform and two for all other types, at most second- and first-order expansions, respectively, will be used. As a result, cubature is primarily useful for global sensitivity analysis, where the Sobol' indices will provide main effects and, at most, two-way interactions. In addition, the random variable set must be independent and identically distributed (*iid*), so the use of `askey` or `wiener` transformations may be required to create *iid* variable sets in the transformed space (as well as to allow usage of the higher order cubature rules for normal and uniform). Note that global sensitivity analysis often assumes uniform bounded regions, rather than precise probability distributions, so the *iid* restriction would not be problematic in that case.

expansion_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order

The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		dimension_-preference	A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)
	Optional		basis_type	Specify the type of truncation to be used with a Polynomial Chaos Expansion.
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	collocation_points	Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.
			collocation_ratio	Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.
			expansion_samples	The Number simulation samples to estimate the PCE coefficients
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

When the expansion_order for a a polynomial chaos expansion is specified, the coefficients may be computed by integration based on random samples or by regression using either random or sub-sampled tensor product quadrature points.

Multidimensional integration by Latin hypercube sampling (specified with `expansion_samples`). In this case, the expansion order p cannot be inferred from the numerical integration specification and it is necessary to provide an `expansion_order` to specify p for a total-order expansion.

Linear regression (specified with either `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`). A total-order expansion is used and must be specified using `expansion_order` as described in the previous option. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the `collocation_ratio` allows for specification of a

constant factor applied to *N* (e.g., `collocation_ratio` = 2. produces samples = *2N*). In addition, the default linear relationship with *N* can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using `ratio_order`. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the `collocation_ratio` and o is the `ratio_order`. The `use_derivatives` flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$). When admissible, a constrained least squares approach is employed in which response values are first reproduced exactly and error in reproducing response derivatives is minimized. Two collocation grid options are supported: the default is Latin hypercube sampling (”point collocation”), and an alternate approach of ”probabilistic collocation” is also available through inclusion of the `tensor_grid` keyword. In this alternate case, the collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

If `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio` is specified, the PCE coefficients will be determined by regression. If no regression specification is provided, appropriate defaults are defined. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems and under-determined systems will be solved using LASSO. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares. Technical information on the various methods listed below can be found in the Linear regression section of the Theory Manual. Some of the regression methods (OMP, LASSO, and LARS) are able to produce a set of possible PCE coefficient vectors (see the Linear regression section in the Theory Manual). If cross validation is inactive, then only one solution, consistent with the `noise_tolerance`, will be returned. If cross validation is active, Dakota will choose between possible coefficient vectors found internally by the regression method across the set of expansion orders (1,...,`expansion_order`) and the set of specified noise tolerances and return the one with the lowest cross validation error indicator.

dimension_preference

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- dimension_preference

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: isotropic grids

Description

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension). Using this specification leada to anisotropic integrations with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- sobol
- decay

basis_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type

Specify the type of truncation to be used with a Polynomial Chaos Expansion.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** tensor_product	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use a tensor-product index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion.
			total_order	Use a total-order index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion.
			adapted	Use adaptive basis selection to choose the basis terms in a polynomial chaos expansion.

Description

Specify the type of truncation to be used with a Polynomial Chaos Expansion.

tensor_product

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type
- tensor_product

Use a tensor-product index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use a tensor-product index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion. That is for a given order p keep all terms with d-dimensional multi index $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \ldots, i_d)$ that satisfies

$$\max(i_1, \ldots, i_d) \leq p$$

total_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type
- total_order

Use a total-order index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use the traditional total-order index set to construct a polynomial chaos expansion. That is for a given order p keep all terms with a d-dimensional multi index $\mathbf{i} = (i_1, \ldots, i_d)$ that satisfies

$$\sum_{k=1}^{d} i_k \leq p$$

adapted

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type
- adapted

Use adaptive basis selection to choose the basis terms in a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		advancements	The maximum number of steps used to expand a basis step.
	Optional		soft_convergence_-limit	The maximum number of times no improvement in cross validation error is allowed before the algorithm is terminated.

Description

Use adaptive basis selection to choose the basis terms in a polynomial chaos expansion. Basis selection uses compressed sensing to identify a initial set of non zero PCE coefficients. Then these non-zero terms are expanded a set number of times (we suggest 3) and compressed sensing is then applied to these three new index sets. Cross valiation is used to choose the best candidate basis. The best basis is then restricted again to the non-zero terms and expanded until no improvement can be gained by adding additional terms.

advancements

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type
- adapted
- advancements

The maximum number of steps used to expand a basis step.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Use adaptive basis selection to choose the basis terms in a polynomial chaos expansion. Basis selection uses compressed sensing to identify a initial set of non zero PCE coefficients. Then these non-zero terms are expanded a set number of times (we suggest 3) and compressed sensing is then applied to these three new index sets. Cross valiation is used to choose the best candidate basis. The best basis is then restricted again to the non-zero terms and expanded until no improvement can be gained by adding additional terms.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adapted

soft_convergence_limit

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- basis_type
- adapted
- soft_convergence_limit

The maximum number of times no improvement in cross validation error is allowed before the algorithm is terminated.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Use adaptive basis selection to choose the basis terms in a polynomial chaos expansion. Basis selection uses compressed sensing to identify a initial set of non zero PCE coefficients. Then these non-zero terms are expanded a set number of times (we suggest 3) and compressed sensing is then applied to these three new index sets. Cross valiation is used to choose the best candidate basis. The best basis is then restricted again to the non-zero terms and expanded until no improvement can be gained by adding additional terms.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adapted

collocation_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		ratio_order	Specify a non-linear the relationship between the expansion order of a polynomial chaos expansion and the number of samples that will be used to compute the PCE coefficients.
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	least_squares	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares
			orthogonal_-matching_pursuit	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP)
			basis_pursuit	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

			basis_pursuit_-denoising	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.
			least_angle_-regression	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.
			least_absolute_-shrinkage	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.
	Optional		cross_validation	Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		tensor_grid	Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.

	Optional	reuse_points	This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Description

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

ratio_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- ratio_order

Specify a non-linear the relationship between the expansion order of a polynomial chaos expansion and the number of samples that will be used to compute the PCE coefficients.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.

Description

When using regression type methods (specified with either collocation_points or collocation_ratio), a total-order expansion can be specified using expansion_order. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_-ratio and o is the ratio_order.

least_squares

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order

- collocation_points
- least_squares

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: svd

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** svd	**Dakota Keyword Description** Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition.
			equality_-constrained	Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares

svd

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_squares
- svd

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition. When the number of model runs exceeds the number of terms in the PCE, the solution returned will be the least-squares solution, otherwise the solution will be the minimum norm solution computed using the pseudo-inverse.

equality_constrained

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_squares
- equality_constrained

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

orthogonal_matching_pursuit

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- orthogonal_matching_pursuit

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP)

Specification

Alias: omp
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP). Orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) is a greedy algorithm that is usefult when solving underdetermined linear systems.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- orthogonal_matching_pursuit
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

basis_pursuit

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points

- basis_pursuit

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

Specification

Alias: bp
Argument(s): none

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

basis_pursuit_denoising

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- basis_pursuit_denoising

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.

Specification

Alias: bpdn
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- basis_pursuit_denoising
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

least_angle_regression

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_angle_regression

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.

Specification

Alias: lars
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_angle_regression
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

least_absolute_shrinkage

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_absolute_shrinkage

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.

Specification

Alias: lasso

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.
	Optional		l2_penalty	The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_absolute_shrinkage
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

l2_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- least_absolute_shrinkage
- l2_penalty

The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0. (reverts to standard LASSO formulation)

Description

The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

cross_validation

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- cross_validation

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial degree of a polynomial chaos expansion. 10 fold cross validation is used to estimate the cross validation error of a total-order polynomial expansion for orders 1 through to order. The order chosen is the one that produces the lowest cross validation error. If there are not enough points to perform 10 fold cross validation then one-at-a-time cross validation will be performed.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

tensor_grid

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- tensor_grid

Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: regression with LHS sample set (point collocation)

Description

Tthe collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

reuse_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_points
- reuse_points

This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Specification

Alias: reuse_samples
Argument(s): none
Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

Description

The `reuse_points` option controls the reuse behavior of points for various types of polynomial chaos expansions, including: `collocation_points`, `collocation_ratio`, `expansion_samples`, or `orthogonal_least_interpolation`. If any of these approaches are specified to create a set of points for the polynomial chaos expansion, one can specify `reuse_points` so that any points that have been previously generated (for example, from the `import_points` file) can be reused.

collocation_ratio

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		ratio_order	Specify a non-linear the relationship between the expansion order of a polynomial chaos expansion and the number of samples that will be used to compute the PCE coefficients.
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	least_squares	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares
			orthogonal_-matching_pursuit	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP)
			basis_pursuit	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

			basis_pursuit_denoising	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.
			least_angle_regression	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.
			least_absolute_shrinkage	Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.
	Optional		cross_validation	Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		tensor_grid	Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.

	Optional	reuse_points	This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Description

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p, the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_ratio and o is the ratio_order. The use_derivatives flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$).

ratio_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- ratio_order

Specify a non-linear the relationship between the expansion order of a polynomial chaos expansion and the number of samples that will be used to compute the PCE coefficients.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.

Description

When using regression type methods (specified with either collocation_points or collocation_ratio), a total-order expansion can be specified using expansion_order. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_ratio and o is the ratio_order.

least_squares

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_squares

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: svd

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	svd	Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition.
			equality_-constrained	Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using least squares. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares

svd

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order

- collocation_ratio
- least_squares
- svd

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using the singular value decomposition. When the number of model runs exceeds the number of terms in the PCE, the solution returned will be the least-squares solution, otherwise the solution will be the minimum norm solution computed using the pseudo-inverse.

equality_constrained

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_squares
- equality_constrained

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Calculate the coefficients of a polynomial chaos expansion using equality constrained least squares.

orthogonal_matching_pursuit

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- orthogonal_matching_pursuit

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP)

Specification

Alias: omp

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion using orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP). Orthogonal matching pursuit (OMP) is a greedy algorithm that is usefult when solving underdetermined linear systems.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- orthogonal_matching_pursuit
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

basis_pursuit

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- basis_pursuit

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

Specification

Alias: bp
Argument(s): none

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit ℓ_1-minimization problem using linear programming.

basis_pursuit_denoising

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- basis_pursuit_denoising

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.

Specification

Alias: bpdn
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by solving the Basis Pursuit Denoising ℓ_1-minimization problem using second order cone optimization.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- basis_pursuit_denoising
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

least_angle_regression

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_angle_regression

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.

Specification

Alias: lars

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the greedy least angle regression (LAR) method.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_angle_regression
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

least_absolute_shrinkage

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos

- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_absolute_shrinkage

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.

Specification

Alias: lasso

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		noise_tolerance	The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.
	Optional		l2_penalty	The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

Description

Compute the coefficients of a polynomial expansion by using the LASSO problem.

noise_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_absolute_shrinkage
- noise_tolerance

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 1e-3 for BPDN, 0. otherwise (algorithms run until termination)

Description

The noise tolerance used when performing cross validation in the presence of noise or truncation errors.

l2_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- least_absolute_shrinkage
- l2_penalty

The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0. (reverts to standard LASSO formulation)

Description

The l_2 pentalty used when performing compressed sensing with elastic net.

cross_validation

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- cross_validation

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial degree of a polynomial chaos expansion. 10 fold cross validation is used to estimate the cross validation error of a total-order polynomial expansion for orders 1 through to order. The order chosen is the one that produces the lowest cross validation error. If there are not enough points to perform 10 fold cross validation then one-at-a-time cross validation will be performed.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

tensor_grid

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- tensor_grid

Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: regression with LHS sample set (point collocation)

Description

Tthe collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

reuse_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio
- reuse_points

This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Specification

Alias: reuse_samples
Argument(s): none
Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

Description

The `reuse_points` option controls the reuse behavior of points for various types of polynomial chaos expansions, including: `collocation_points`, `collocation_ratio`, `expansion_samples`, or `orthogonal_least_interpolation`. If any of these approaches are specified to create a set of points for the polynomial chaos expansion, one can specify `reuse_points` so that any points that have been previously generated (for example, from the `import_points` file) can be reused.

expansion_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- expansion_samples

The Number simulation samples to estimate the PCE coefficients

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		reuse_points	This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.
	Optional		incremental_lhs	Augments an existing Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) study

Description

The Number simulation samples to estimate the PCE coefficients In this case, the expansion order p cannot be inferred from the numerical integration specification and it is necessary to provide an expansion_order to specify p for a total-order expansion.

reuse_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- expansion_samples
- reuse_points

This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Specification

Alias: reuse_samples

Argument(s): none

Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

Description

The `reuse_points` option controls the reuse behavior of points for various types of polynomial chaos expansions, including: `collocation_points`, `collocation_ratio`, `expansion_samples`, or `orthogonal_least_interpolation`. If any of these approaches are specified to create a set of points for the polynomial chaos expansion, one can specify `reuse_points` so that any points that have been previously generated (for example, from the `import_points` file) can be reused.

incremental_lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- expansion_samples
- incremental_lhs

Augments an existing Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

Description

`incremental_lhs` will augment an existing LHS sampling study with more samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles. The number of samples in the second set MUST currently be 2 times the number of previous samples, although incremental sampling based on any power of two may be supported in future releases.

Default Behavior

Incremental Latin Hypercube Sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `incremental_lhs` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword. Additionally, a previous LHS (or incremental LHS) sampling study with sample size N must have already been performed, and **the dakota restart file must be available from this previous study.** The variables and responses specifications must be the same in both studies. Incremental LHS sampling support both continuous uncertain variables and discrete uncertain variables such as discrete distributions (e.g. binomial, Poisson, etc.) as well as histogram variables and uncertain set types.

Usage Tips

The incremental approach is useful if it is uncertain how many simulations can be completed within available time.

See the examples below and the Usage and Restarting Dakota Studies pages.

Examples

For example, say a user performs an initial study using `lhs` as the `sample_type`, and generates 10 samples.

One way to ensure the restart file is saved is to specify a non-default name, via a command line option:

```
dakota -i LHS_10.in -w LHS_10.rst
```

which uses the input file:

```
# LHS_10.in

environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'lhs10.dat'
```

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10

model
  single

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    descriptors  =   'input1'     'input2'
    lower_bounds =  -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds =   2.0      2.0

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

and the restart file is written to LHS_10.rst.

Then an incremental LHS study can be run with:

```
dakota -i LHS_20.in -r LHS_10.rst -w LHS_20.rst
```

where `LHS_20.in` is shown below, and LHS_10.rst is the restart file containing the results of the previous LHS study.

```
# LHS_20.in

environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'lhs_incremental_20.dat'

method
  sampling
    sample_type incremental_lhs
    samples = 20
    previous_samples = 10

model
  single

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    descriptors  =   'input1'     'input2'
    lower_bounds =  -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds =   2.0      2.0

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

The user will get 10 new LHS samples which maintain both the correlation and stratification of the original LHS sample. The new samples will be combined with the original samples to generate a combined sample of size 20.

This is clearly seen by comparing the two tabular data files.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The annotated keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify custom_annotated header eval_id

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

orthogonal_least_interpolation

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation

Build a polynomial chaos expansion from simulation samples using orthogonal least interpolation.

Specification

Alias: least_interpolation oli
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		collocation_points	Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using orthogonal least interpolation
	Optional		cross_validation	Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.

	Optional	tensor_grid	Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.
	Optional	reuse_points	This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.
	Optional	import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Build a polynomial chaos expansion from simulation samples using orthogonal least interpolation. Unlike the other regression methods `expansion_order` cannot be set. OLI will produce the lowest degree polynomial that interpolates the data

collocation_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- collocation_points

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using orthogonal least interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using orthogonal least interpolation

cross_validation

- Keywords Area
- method

- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- cross_validation

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial order of a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use cross validation to choose the 'best' polynomial degree of a polynomial chaos expansion. 10 fold cross validation is used to estimate the cross validation error of a total-order polynomial expansion for orders 1 through to order. The order chosen is the one that produces the lowest cross validation error. If there are not enough points to perform 10 fold cross validation then one-at-a-time cross validation will be performed.

tensor_grid

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- tensor_grid

Use sub-sampled tensor-product quadrature points to build a polynomial chaos expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: regression with LHS sample set (point collocation)

Description

Tthe collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

reuse_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- reuse_points

This describes the behavior of reuse of points in constructing polynomial chaos expansion models.

Specification

Alias: reuse_samples
Argument(s): none
Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

Description

The `reuse_points` option controls the reuse behavior of points for various types of polynomial chaos expansions, including: `collocation_points`, `collocation_ratio`, `expansion_samples`, or `orthogonal_least_interpolation`. If any of these approaches are specified to create a set of points for the polynomial chaos expansion, one can specify `reuse_points` so that any points that have been previously generated (for example, from the `import_points` file) can be reused.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The annotated format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify custom_annotated, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to annotated format, though freeform remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the freeform option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no header

Description

See description of parent custom_annotated

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- orthogonal_least_interpolation
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

import_expansion_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_expansion_file

Build a Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) by import coefficients and a multi-index from a file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The coefficients can be specified in an arbitrary order. The multi-index provided is used to generate a sparse expansion that conists only of the indices corresponding to the non-zero coefficients provided in the file.

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into main, interaction, and total effects

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		interaction_order	Specify the maximum number of variables allowed in an interaction when reporting interaction metrics.

	Optional	drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance-based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. This approach decomposes main, interaction, and total effects in order to identify the most important variables and combinations of variables in contributing to the variance of output quantities of interest.

Default Behavior

Because of processing overhead and output volume, `variance_based_decomp` is inactive by default, unless required for dimension-adaptive refinement using Sobol' indices.

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects, total effects, and any interaction effects will be reported. Each of these effects represents the percent contribution to the variance in the model response, where main effects include the aggregated set of *univariate* terms for each individual variable, interaction effects represent the set of *mixed* terms (the complement of the univariate set), and total effects represent the *complete* set of terms (univariate and mixed) that contain each individual variable. The aggregated set of main and interaction sensitivity indices will sum to one, whereas the sum of total effects sensitivity indices will be greater than one due to redundant counting of mixed terms.

Usage Tips

An important consideration is that the number of possible interaction terms grows exponentially with dimension and expansion order. To mitigate this, both in terms of compute time and output volume, possible interaction effects are suppressed whenever no contributions are present due to the particular form of an expansion. In addition, the `interaction_order` and `drop_tolerance` controls can further limit the computational and output requirements.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos # or stoch_collocation
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          variance_based_decomp interaction_order = 2
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : "The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input."

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[87].

interaction_order

- Keywords Area

- method
- polynomial_chaos
- variance_based_decomp
- interaction_order

Specify the maximum number of variables allowed in an interaction when reporting interaction metrics.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: Unrestricted (VBD includes all interaction orders present in the expansion)

Description

The interaction_order option has been added to allow suppression of higher-order interactions, since the output volume (and memory and compute consumption) of these results could be extensive for high dimensional problems (note: the previous univariate_effects specification is equivalent to interaction_order = 1 in the current specification). Similar to suppression of interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to again save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume)

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior
By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.
Usage Tips

For polynomial_chaos, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the univariate_effects may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

diagonal_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- diagonal_covariance

Display only the diagonal terms of the covariance matrix

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: diagonal_covariance for response vector > 10; else full_covariance

Description

With a large number of responses, the covariance matrix can be very large. diagonal_covariance is used to suppress the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

full_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- full_covariance

Display the full covariance matrix

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

With a large number of responses, the covariance matrix can be very large. `full_covariance` is used to force Dakota to output the full covariance matrix.

normalized

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- normalized

The normalized specification requests output of PCE coefficients that correspond to normalized orthogonal basis polynomials

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: PCE coefficients correspond to unnormalized basis polynomials

Description

The normalized specification requests output of PCE coefficients that correspond to normalized orthogonal basis polynomials

sample_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sample_type

Selection of sampling strategy

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: lhs

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	lhs	Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
			random	Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Description

The `sample_type` keyword allows the user to select between multiple random sampling approaches. There are two primary types of sampling: Monte Carlo (pure random) and Latin Hypercube Sampling. Additionally, these methods have incremental variants that allow an existing study to be augmented with additional samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles.

Default Behavior

If the `sample_type` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by `lhs`, `random`, `incremental_lhs`, or `incremental_random`. Otherwise, `lhs` will be used by default.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sample_type
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `lhs` keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the `lhs` keyword must appear in conjunction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- sample_type
- random

Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `random` keyword invokes Monte Carlo sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions.

Default Behavior

Monte Carlo sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `random` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Monte Carlo sampling is more computationally expensive than Latin Hypercube Sampling as it requires a larger number of samples to accurately estimate statistics.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 200
```

probability_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_refinement

Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: sample_refinement
Argument(s): none
Default: no refinement

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	import	Sampling option
			adapt_import	Importance sampling option
			mm_adapt_import	Sampling option
	Optional		refinement_samples	Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Description

The `probability_refinement` allows refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling. If one specifies `probability_refinement`, there are some additional options. One can specify which type of importance sampling to use (`import`, `adapt_import`, or `mm_adapt_import`). Additionally, one can specify the number of refinement samples to use with `refinement_samples` and the seed to use with `seed`.

The `probability_refinement` density reweighting accounts originally was developed based on Gaussian distributions. It now accounts for additional non-Gaussian cases.

import

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos

- probability_refinement
- import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level).

adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_refinement
- adapt_import

Importance sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`adapt_import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level). This continues iteratively until the failure probability estimate converges.

mm_adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_refinement
- mm_adapt_import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

mm_adapt_import starts with all of the samples located in the failure region to build a multimodal sampling density. First, it uses a small number of samples around each of the initial samples in the failure region. Note that these samples are allocated to the different points based on their relative probabilities of occurrence: more probable points get more samples. This early part of the approach is done to search for "representative" points. Once these are located, the multimodal sampling density is set and then mm_adapt_import proceeds similarly to adapt_import (sample until convergence).

refinement_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_refinement
- refinement_samples

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate. If using uni-modal sampling all samples are assigned to the sampling center. If using multi-modal sampling the samples are split between mutiple samples according to some internally computed weights.

import_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file

Filename for points at which to evaluate the PCE/SC surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

Default Behavior No import of points at which to evaluate the surrogate.

Expected Output The PCE/SC surrogate model will be evaluated at the list of points (input variable values) provided in the file and results tabulated and/or statistics computed at them, depending on the method context.

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_approx_points_file = 'import.mcmc_annot.dat'
      annotated
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- import_approx_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

export_expansion_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- export_expansion_file

Export the coefficients and multi-index of a Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) to a file

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

Export the coefficients and multi-index of a Polynomial Chaos Expansion (PCE) to a file. The multi-index written will be sparse. Spcifically the expansion will conists only of the indices corresponding to the non-zero coefficients of the PCE.

fixed_seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- fixed_seed

Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: not fixed; pattern varies run-to-run

Description

The `fixed_seed` flag is relevant if multiple sampling sets will be generated over the coarse of a Dakota analysis. This occurs when using advance methods (e.g., surrogate-based optimization, optimization under uncertainty). The same seed value is reused for each of these multiple sampling sets, which can be important for reducing variability in the sampling results.

Default Behavior

The default behavior is to not use a fixed seed, as the repetition of the same sampling pattern can result in a modeling weakness that an optimizer could potentially exploit (resulting in actual reliabilities that are lower than the estimated reliabilities). For repeatable studies, the `seed` must also be specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    fixed_seed
```

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- reliability_levels

Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_reliability_-levels	Specify which `reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF reliabilities by projecting out the prescribed number of sample standard deviations from the sample mean.

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- reliability_levels
- num_reliability_levels

Specify which `reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The `response_levels` specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If `response_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The `num_response_levels` is used to specify which arguments of the `response_level` correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a `response_level` of 52.3 followed with `compute probabilities` will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the `num_response_levels` key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
```

```
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                4.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
```

```
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The num_response_levels keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If num_response_levels is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	probabilities	Computes probabilities associated with response levels

			reliabilities	Computes reliabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels

- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute
- reliabilities

Computes reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- polynomial_chaos
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.47 stoch_collocation

- Keywords Area

- method
- stoch_collocation

Uncertainty quantification with stochastic collocation

Specification

Alias: nond_stoch_collocation

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Automated refinement type (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** p_refinement	**Dakota Keyword Description** Automatic polynomial order refinement
			h_refinement	Employ h-refinement to refine the grid
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Basis polynomial family (Group 2)**	piecewise	Use piecewise local basis functions
			askey	Select the standardized random variables (and associated basis polynomials) from the Askey family that best match the user-specified random variables.
			wiener	Use standard normal random variables (along with Hermite orthogonal basis polynomials) when transforming to a standardized probability space.

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Interpolation grid type (Group 3)**	quadrature_order	Cubature using tensor-products of Gaussian quadrature rules
			sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation
	Optional		dimension_-preference	A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Nesting of quadrature rules (Group 4)**	nested	Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available
			non_nested	Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules
	Optional		variance_based_-decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into main, interaction, and total effects

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Covariance type (Group 5)**	diagonal_covariance	Display only the diagonal terms of the covariance matrix
			full_covariance	Display the full covariance matrix
	Optional		sample_type	Selection of sampling strategy
	Optional		probability_refinement	Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling
	Optional		import_approx_points_file	Filename for points at which to evaluate the PCE/SC surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional		fixed_seed	Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	reliability_levels	Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated
	Optional	response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Stochastic collocation is a general framework for approximate representation of random response functions in terms of finite-dimensional interpolation bases.

The stochastic collocation (SC) method is very similar to polynomial_chaos, with the key difference that the orthogonal polynomial basis functions are replaced with interpolation polynomial bases. The interpolation polynomials may be either local or global and either value-based or gradient-enhanced. In the local case, valued-

based are piecewise linear splines and gradient-enhanced are piecewise cubic splines, and in the global case, valued-based are Lagrange interpolants and gradient-enhanced are Hermite interpolants. A value-based expansion takes the form

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} r_i L_i(\xi)$$

where N_p is the total number of collocation points, r_i is a response value at the i^{th} collocation point, L_i is the i^{th} multidimensional interpolation polynomial, and ξ is a vector of standardized random variables.

Thus, in PCE, one forms coefficients for known orthogonal polynomial basis functions, whereas SC forms multidimensional interpolation functions for known coefficients.

Basis polynomial family (Group 2)

In addition to the askey and wiener basis types also supported by polynomial_chaos, SC supports the option of `piecewise` local basis functions. These are piecewise linear splines, or in the case of gradient-enhanced interpolation via the `use_derivatives` specification, piecewise cubic Hermite splines. Both of these basis options provide local support only over the range from the interpolated point to its nearest 1D neighbors (within a tensor grid or within each of the tensor grids underlying a sparse grid), which exchanges the fast convergence of global bases for smooth functions for robustness in the representation of nonsmooth response functions (that can induce Gibbs oscillations when using high-order global basis functions). When local basis functions are used, the usage of nonequidistant collocation points (e.g., the Gauss point selections described above) is not well motivated, so equidistant Newton-Cotes points are employed in this case, and all random variable types are transformed to standard uniform probability space. The global gradient-enhanced interpolants (Hermite interpolation polynomials) are also restricted to uniform or transformed uniform random variables (due to the need to compute collocation weights by integration of the basis polynomials) and share the variable support shown in variable_support for Piecewise SE. Due to numerical instability in these high-order basis polynomials, they are deactivated by default but can be activated by developers using a compile-time switch.

Interpolation grid type (Group 3)

To form the multidimensional interpolants L_i of the expansion, two options are provided.

1. interpolation on a tensor-product of Gaussian quadrature points (specified with `quadrature_order` and, optionally, `dimension_preference` for anisotropic tensor grids). As for PCE, non-nested Gauss rules are employed by default, although the presence of `p_refinement` or `h_refinement` will result in default usage of nested rules for normal or uniform variables after any variable transformations have been applied (both defaults can be overridden using explicit `nested` or `non_nested` specifications).

2. interpolation on a Smolyak sparse grid (specified with `sparse_grid_level` and, optionally, `dimension_preference` for anisotropic sparse grids) defined from Gaussian rules. As for sparse PCE, nested rules are employed unless overridden with the `non_nested` option, and the growth rules are restricted unless overridden by the `unrestricted` keyword.

Another distinguishing characteristic of stochastic collocation relative to polynomial_chaos is the ability to reformulate the interpolation problem from a `nodal` interpolation approach into a `hierarchical` formulation in which each new level of interpolation defines a set of incremental refinements (known as hierarchical surpluses) layered on top of the interpolants from previous levels. This formulation lends itself naturally to uniform or adaptive refinement strategies, since the hierarchical surpluses can be interpreted as error estimates for the interpolant. Either global or local/piecewise interpolants in either value-based or gradient-enhanced approaches can be formulated using `hierarchical` interpolation. The primary restriction for the hierarchical case is that it currently requires a sparse grid approach using nested quadrature rules (Genz-Keister, Gauss-Patterson, or Newton-Cotes for standard normals and standard uniforms in a transformed space: Askey, Wiener, or Piecewise settings may be required), although this restriction can be relaxed in the future. A selection of `hierarchical` interpolation

will provide greater precision in the increments to mean, standard deviation, covariance, and reliability-based level mappings induced by a grid change within uniform or goal-oriented adaptive refinement approaches (see following section).

It is important to note that, while quadrature_order and sparse_grid_level are array inputs, only one scalar from these arrays is active at a time for a particular expansion estimation. These scalars can be augmented with a dimension_preference to support anisotropy across the random dimension set. The array inputs are present to support advanced use cases such as multifidelity UQ, where multiple grid resolutions can be employed.

Automated refinement type (Group 1)

Automated expansion refinement can be selected as either p_refinement or h_refinement, and either refinement specification can be either uniform or dimension_adaptive. The dimension_adaptive case can be further specified as either sobol or generalized (decay not supported). Each of these automated refinement approaches makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance iteration controls. The h_refinement specification involves use of the same piecewise interpolants (linear or cubic Hermite splines) described above for the piecewise specification option (it is not necessary to redundantly specify piecewise in the case of h_refinement). In future releases, the hierarchical interpolation approach will enable local refinement in addition to the current uniform and dimension_adaptive options.

Covariance type (Group 5)

These two keywords are used to specify how this method computes, stores, and outputs the covariance of the responses. In particular, the diagonal covariance option is provided for reducing post-processing overhead and output volume in high dimensional applications.

Active Variables

The default behavior is to form expansions over aleatory uncertain continuous variables. To form expansions over a broader set of variables, one needs to specify active followed by state, epistemic, design, or all in the variables specification block.

For continuous design, continuous state, and continuous epistemic uncertain variables included in the expansion, interpolation points for these dimensions are based on Gauss-Legendre rules if non-nested, Gauss-Patterson rules if nested, and Newton-Cotes points in the case of piecewise bases. Again, when probability integrals are evaluated, only the aleatory random variable domain is integrated, leaving behind a polynomial relationship between the statistics and the remaining design/state/epistemic variables.

Optional Keywords regarding method outputs

Each of these sampling specifications refer to sampling on the SC approximation for the purposes of generating approximate statistics.

- sample_type
- samples
- seed
- fixed_seed
- rng
- probability_refinement
- distribution
- reliability_levels
- response_levels
- probability_levels

- gen_reliability_levels

Since SC approximations are formed on structured grids, there should be no ambiguity with simulation sampling for generating the SC expansion.

When using the probability_refinement control, the number of refinement samples is not under the user's control (these evaluations are approximation-based, so management of this expense is less critical). This option allows for refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling.

Multi-fidelity UQ

When using multifidelity UQ, the high fidelity expansion generated from combining the low fidelity and discrepancy expansions retains the polynomial form of the low fidelity expansion (only the coefficients are updated). Refer to polynomial_chaos for information on the multifidelity interpretation of array inputs for quadrature_order and sparse_grid_level.

Usage Tips

If n is small, then tensor-product Gaussian quadrature is again the preferred choice. For larger n, tensor-product quadrature quickly becomes too expensive and the sparse grid approach is preferred. For self-consistency in growth rates, nested rules employ restricted exponential growth (with the exception of the dimension_adaptive p_refinement generalized case) for consistency with the linear growth used for non-nested Gauss rules (integrand precision $i = 4l + 1$ for sparse grid level l and $i = 2m - 1$ for tensor grid order m).

Additional Resources

Dakota provides access to SC methods through the NonDStochCollocation class. Refer to the Uncertainty Quantification Capabilities chapter of the Users Manual[4] and the Stochastic Expansion Methods chapter of the Theory Manual[6] for additional information on the SC algorithm.

Examples

```
method,
    stoch_collocation
      sparse_grid_level = 2
      samples = 10000 seed = 12347 rng rnum2
      response_levels = .1 1. 50. 100. 500. 1000.
      variance_based_decomp
```

Theory

As mentioned above, a value-based expansion takes the form

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} r_i L_i(\xi)$$

The i^{th} interpolation polynomial assumes the value of 1 at the i^{th} collocation point and 0 at all other collocation points, involving either a global Lagrange polynomial basis or local piecewise splines. It is easy to see that the approximation reproduces the response values at the collocation points and interpolates between these values at other points. A gradient-enhanced expansion (selected via the use_derivatives keyword) involves both type 1 and type 2 basis functions as follows:

$$R = \sum_{i=1}^{N_p} [r_i H_i^{(1)}(\xi) + \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{dr_i}{d\xi_j} H_{ij}^{(2)}(\xi)]$$

where the i^{th} type 1 interpolant produces 1 for the value at the i^{th} collocation point, 0 for values at all other collocation points, and 0 for derivatives (when differentiated) at all collocation points, and the ij^{th} type 2 interpolant produces 0 for values at all collocation points, 1 for the j^{th} derivative component at the i^{th} collocation

point, and 0 for the j^{th} derivative component at all other collocation points. Again, this expansion reproduces the response values at each of the collocation points, and when differentiated, also reproduces each component of the gradient at each of the collocation points. Since this technique includes the derivative interpolation explicitly, it eliminates issues with matrix ill-conditioning that can occur in the gradient-enhanced PCE approach based on regression. However, the calculation of high-order global polynomials with the desired interpolation properties can be similarly numerically challenging such that the use of local cubic splines is recommended due to numerical stability.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- gpais
- local_reliability
- global_reliability
- sampling
- importance_sampling
- polynomial_chaos

p_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- p_refinement

Automatic polynomial order refinement

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no refinement

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **p-refinement type (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** uniform	**Dakota Keyword Description** Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.

			dimension_-adaptive	Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.

Description

The p_refinement keyword specifies the usage of automated polynomial order refinement, which can be either uniform or dimension_adaptive.

The dimension_adaptive option is supported for the tensor-product quadrature and Smolyak sparse grid options and uniform is supported for tensor and sparse grids as well as regression approaches (collocation_points or collocation_ratio).

Each of these refinement cases makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance method independent controls. The former control limits the number of refinement iterations, and the latter control terminates refinement when the two-norm of the change in the response covariance matrix (or, in goal-oriented approaches, the two-norm of change in the statistical quantities of interest (QOI)) falls below the tolerance.

The dimension_adaptive case can be further specified to utilize sobol, decay, or generalized refinement controls. The former two cases employ anisotropic tensor/sparse grids in which the anisotropic dimension preference (leading to anisotropic integrations/expansions with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions) is determined using either total Sobol' indices from variance-based decomposition (sobol case: high indices result in high dimension preference) or using spectral coefficient decay rates from a rate estimation technique similar to Richardson extrapolation (decay case: low decay rates result in high dimension preference). In these two cases as well as the uniform refinement case, the quadrature_order or sparse_grid_level are ramped by one on each refinement iteration until either of the two convergence controls is satisfied. For the uniform refinement case with regression approaches, the expansion_order is ramped by one on each iteration while the oversampling ratio (either defined by collocation_ratio or inferred from collocation_points based on the initial expansion) is held fixed. Finally, the generalized dimension_adaptive case is the default adaptive approach; it refers to the generalized sparse grid algorithm, a greedy approach in which candidate index sets are evaluated for their impact on the statistical QOI, the most influential sets are selected and used to generate additional candidates, and the index set frontier of a sparse grid is evolved in an unstructured and goal-oriented manner (refer to User's Manual PCE descriptions for additional specifics).

For the case of p_refinement or the case of an explicit nested override, Gauss-Hermite rules are replaced with Genz-Keister nested rules and Gauss-Legendre rules are replaced with Gauss-Patterson nested rules, both of which exchange lower integrand precision for greater point reuse.

uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation

- p_refinement
- uniform

Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The quadrature_order or sparse_grid_level are ramped by one on each refinement iteration until either of the two convergence controls is satisfied. For the uniform refinement case with regression approaches, the expansion_order is ramped by one on each iteration while the oversampling ratio (either defined by collocation_ratio or inferred from collocation_points based on the initial expansion) is held fixed.

dimension_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **dimension adaptivity estimation approach (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** sobol	**Dakota Keyword Description** Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.

			generalized	Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Description

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to hold higher 'importance' in resolving statistical quantities of interest.

Dimension importance must be estimated as part of the refinement process. Techniques include either sobol or generalized for stochastic collocation and either sobol, decay, or generalized for polynomial chaos. Each of these automated refinement approaches makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance iteration controls.

sobol

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- sobol

Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: generalized

Description

Determine dimension preference for refinement of a stochastic expansion from the total Sobol' sensitivity indices obtained from global sensitivity analysis. High indices indicate high importance for resolving statistical quantities of interest and therefore result in high dimension preference.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement sobol
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

generalized

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- p_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- generalized

Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The generalized sparse grid algorithm is a greedy approach in which candidate index sets are evaluated for their impact on the statistical QOI, the most influential sets are selected and used to generate additional candidates, and the index set frontier of a sparse grid is evolved in an unstructured and goal-oriented manner (refer to User's Manual PCE descriptions for additional specifics).

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement generalized
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

h_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement

Employ h-refinement to refine the grid

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no refinement

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **h-refinement type (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword uniform	Dakota Keyword Description Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.
			dimension_-adaptive	Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.
			local_adaptive	Planned future capability for local pointwise refinement within a generalized sparse grid.

Description

Automated expansion refinement can be selected as either p_refinement or h_refinement, and either refinement specification can be either uniform or dimension_adaptive. The dimension_adaptive case can be further specified as either sobol or generalized (decay not supported). Each of these automated refinement approaches makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance iteration controls. The h_refinement specification involves use of the same piecewise interpolants (linear or cubic Hermite splines) described above for the piecewise specification option (it is not necessary to redundantly specify piecewise in the case of h_refinement). In future releases, the hierarchical interpolation approach will enable local refinement in addition to the current uniform and dimension-_adaptive options.

uniform

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement
- uniform

Refine an expansion uniformly in all dimensions.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The quadrature_order or sparse_grid_level are ramped by one on each refinement iteration until either of the two convergence controls is satisfied. For the uniform refinement case with regression approaches, the expansion_order is ramped by one on each iteration while the oversampling ratio (either defined by collocation_ratio or inferred from collocation_points based on the initial expansion) is held fixed.

dimension_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement
- dimension_adaptive

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to have higher 'importance'.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**dimension adaptivity estimation approach (Group 1)**	sobol	Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.

			generalized	Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Description

Perform anisotropic expansion refinement by preferentially adapting in dimensions that are detected to hold higher 'importance' in resolving statistical quantities of interest.

Dimension importance must be estimated as part of the refinement process. Techniques include either sobol or generalized for stochastic collocation and either sobol, decay, or generalized for polynomial chaos. Each of these automated refinement approaches makes use of the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance iteration controls.

sobol

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- sobol

Estimate dimension preference for automated refinement of stochastic expansion using total Sobol' sensitivity indices.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: generalized

Description

Determine dimension preference for refinement of a stochastic expansion from the total Sobol' sensitivity indices obtained from global sensitivity analysis. High indices indicate high importance for resolving statistical quantities of interest and therefore result in high dimension preference.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement sobol
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

generalized

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement
- dimension_adaptive
- generalized

Use the generalized sparse grid dimension adaptive algorithm to refine a sparse grid approximation of stochastic expansion.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The generalized sparse grid algorithm is a greedy approach in which candidate index sets are evaluated for their impact on the statistical QOI, the most influential sets are selected and used to generate additional candidates, and the index set frontier of a sparse grid is evolved in an unstructured and goal-oriented manner (refer to User's Manual PCE descriptions for additional specifics).

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          dimension_adaptive p_refinement generalized
            max_iterations  = 20
            convergence_tol = 1.e-4
```

local_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- h_refinement
- local_adaptive

Planned future capability for local pointwise refinement within a generalized sparse grid.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Sparse grid interpolation admits approaches for pointwise local refinement within the general framework of generalized sparse grids. This algorithmic capability is currently in a partial prototype stage.

piecewise

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- piecewise

Use piecewise local basis functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: extended (Askey + numerically-generated)

Description

SC also supports the option of piecewise local basis functions. These are piecewise linear splines, or in the case of gradient-enhanced interpolation via the use_derivatives specification, piecewise cubic Hermite splines. Both of these basis selections provide local support only over the range from the interpolated point to its nearest 1D neighbors (within a tensor grid or within each of the tensor grids underlying a sparse grid), which exchanges the fast convergence of global bases for smooth functions for robustness in the representation of nonsmooth response functions (that can induce Gibbs oscillations when using high-order global basis functions). When local basis functions are used, the usage of nonequidistant collocation points (e.g., the Gauss point selections described above) is not well motivated, so equidistant Newton-Cotes points are employed in this case, and all random variable types are transformed to standard uniform probability space.

askey

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- askey

Select the standardized random variables (and associated basis polynomials) from the Askey family that best match the user-specified random variables.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: extended (Askey + numerically-generated)

Description

The Askey option employs standard normal, standard uniform, standard exponential, standard beta, and standard gamma random variables in a transformed probability space. These selections correspond to Hermite, Legendre, Laguerre, Jacobi, and generalized Laguerre orthogonal polynomials, respectively.

Specific mappings for the basis polynomials are based on a closest match criterion, and include Hermite for normal (optimal) as well as bounded normal, lognormal, bounded lognormal, gumbel, frechet, and weibull (sub-optimal); Legendre for uniform (optimal) as well as loguniform, triangular, and bin-based histogram (sub-optimal); Laguerre for exponential (optimal); Jacobi for beta (optimal); and generalized Laguerre for gamma (optimal).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos
- wiener

wiener

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- wiener

Use standard normal random variables (along with Hermite orthogonal basis polynomials) when transforming to a standardized probability space.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: extended (Askey + numerically-generated)

Description

The Wiener option employs standard normal random variables in a transformed probability space, corresponding to a Hermite orthogonal polynomial basis. This is the same nonlinear variable transformation used by local and global reliability methods (and therefore has the same variable support).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos
- askey

quadrature_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- quadrature_order

Cubature using tensor-products of Gaussian quadrature rules

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multidimensional integration by a tensor-product of Gaussian quadrature rules (specified with `quadrature_order`, and, optionally, `dimension_preference`). The default rule selection is to employ `non_nested` Gauss rules including Gauss-Hermite (for normals or transformed normals), Gauss-Legendre (for uniforms or transformed uniforms), Gauss-Jacobi (for betas), Gauss-Laguerre (for exponentials), generalized Gauss-Laguerre (for gammas), and numerically-generated Gauss rules (for other distributions when using an Extended basis). For the case of `p_refinement` or the case of an explicit `nested` override, Gauss-Hermite rules are replaced with Genz-Keister nested rules and Gauss-Legendre rules are replaced with Gauss-Patterson nested rules, both of which exchange lower integrand precision for greater point reuse. By specifying a `dimension_preference`, where higher preference leads to higher order polynomial resolution, the tensor grid may be rendered anisotropic. The dimension specified to have highest preference will be set to the specified `quadrature_order` and all other dimensions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference; any non-integral portion is truncated. To synchronize with tensor-product integration, a tensor-product expansion is used, where the order p_i of the expansion in each dimension is selected to be half of the integrand precision available from the rule in use, rounded down. In the case of non-nested Gauss rules with integrand precision $2m_i - 1$, p_i is one less than the quadrature order m_i in each dimension (a one-dimensional expansion contains the same number of terms, $p + 1$, as the number of Gauss points). The total number of terms, *N*, in a tensor-product expansion involving *n* uncertain input variables is

$$N = 1 + P = \prod_{i=1}^{n} (p_i + 1)$$

In some advanced use cases (e.g., multifidelity UQ), multiple grid resolutions can be employed; for this reason, the `quadrature_order` specification supports an array input.

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	restricted	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation
			unrestricted	Overide the default restriction of growth rates for nested and non-nested rules that are by defualt synchronized for consistency.
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	nodal	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation
			hierarchical	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in

proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

restricted

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sparse_grid_level
- restricted

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: restricted (except for generalized sparse grids)

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

unrestricted

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sparse_grid_level
- unrestricted

Overide the default restriction of growth rates for nested and non-nested rules that are by defualt synchronized for consistency.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In the quadrature and sparse grid cases, growth rates for nested and non-nested rules can be synchronized for consistency. For a non-nested Gauss rule used within a sparse grid, linear one-dimensional growth rules of $m = 2l + 1$ are used to enforce odd quadrature orders, where l is the grid level and m is the number of points in the rule. The precision of this Gauss rule is then $i = 2m - 1 = 4l + 1$. For nested rules, order growth with level is typically exponential; however, the default behavior is to restrict the number of points to be the lowest order rule that is available that meets the one-dimensional precision requirement implied by either a level l for a sparse grid ($i = 4l + 1$) or an order m for a tensor grid ($i = 2m - 1$). This behavior is known as "restricted growth" or "delayed sequences." To override this default behavior in the case of sparse grids, the unrestricted keyword can be used; it cannot be overridden for tensor grids using nested rules since it also provides a mapping to the available nested rule quadrature orders. An exception to the default usage of restricted growth is the dimension_adaptive p-_refinement generalized sparse grid case described previously, since the ability to evolve the index sets of a sparse grid in an unstructured manner eliminates the motivation for restricting the exponential growth of nested rules.

nodal

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sparse_grid_level
- nodal

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: nodal

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

hierarchical

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sparse_grid_level
- hierarchical

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of

tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

dimension_preference

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- dimension_preference

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: isotropic grids

Description

A set of weights specifying the realtive importance of each uncertain variable (dimension). Using this specification leada to anisotropic integrations with differing refinement levels for different random dimensions.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- sobol
- decay

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- nested

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: quadrature: non_nested unless automated refinement; sparse grids: nested

Description

Enforce use of nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the Nested Genz-Keister rule instead of the default non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule variables are

non_nested

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- non_nested

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Enforce use of non-nested quadrature rules if available. For instance if the aleatory variables are Gaussian use the non-nested Gauss-Hermite rule

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into main, interaction, and total effects

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		interaction_order	Specify the maximum number of variables allowed in an interaction when reporting interaction metrics.
	Optional		drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance-based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. This approach decomposes main, interaction, and total effects in order to identify the most important variables and combinations of variables in contributing to the variance of output quantities of interest.

Default Behavior

Because of processing overhead and output volume, `variance_based_decomp` is inactive by default, unless required for dimension-adaptive refinement using Sobol' indices.

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects, total effects, and any interaction effects will be reported. Each of these effects represents the percent contribution to the variance in the model response, where main effects include the aggregated set of *univariate* terms for each individual variable, interaction effects represent the set of *mixed* terms (the complement of the univariate set), and total effects

represent the *complete* set of terms (univariate and mixed) that contain each individual variable. The aggregated set of main and interaction sensitivity indices will sum to one, whereas the sum of total effects sensitivity indices will be greater than one due to redundant counting of mixed terms.

Usage Tips

An important consideration is that the number of possible interaction terms grows exponentially with dimension and expansion order. To mitigate this, both in terms of compute time and output volume, possible interaction effects are suppressed whenever no contributions are present due to the particular form of an expansion. In addition, the `interaction_order` and `drop_tolerance` controls can further limit the computational and output requirements.

Examples

```
method,
        polynomial_chaos # or stoch_collocation
          sparse_grid_level = 3
          variance_based_decomp interaction_order = 2
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : "The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input."

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[87].

interaction_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- variance_based_decomp
- interaction_order

Specify the maximum number of variables allowed in an interaction when reporting interaction metrics.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: Unrestricted (VBD includes all interaction orders present in the expansion)

Description

The interaction_order option has been added to allow suppression of higher-order interactions, since the output volume (and memory and compute consumption) of these results could be extensive for high dimensional problems (note: the previous univariate_effects specification is equivalent to interaction_order = 1 in the current specification). Similar to suppression of interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be

diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to again save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume)

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior

By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.

Usage Tips

For `polynomial_chaos`, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the `univariate_effects` may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

diagonal_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- diagonal_covariance

Display only the diagonal terms of the covariance matrix

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: diagonal_covariance for response vector $>$ 10; else full_covariance

Description

With a large number of responses, the covariance matrix can be very large. `diagonal_covariance` is used to suppress the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

full_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- full_covariance

Display the full covariance matrix

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

With a large number of responses, the covariance matrix can be very large. `full_covariance` is used to force Dakota to output the full covariance matrix.

sample_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sample_type

Selection of sampling strategy

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: lhs

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword lhs	Dakota Keyword Description Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
			random	Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Description

The `sample_type` keyword allows the user to select between multiple random sampling approaches. There are two primary types of sampling: Monte Carlo (pure random) and Latin Hypercube Sampling. Additionally, these methods have incremental variants that allow an existing study to be augmented with additional samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles.

Default Behavior

If the `sample_type` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by `lhs`, `random`, `incremental_lhs`, or `incremental_random`. Otherwise, `lhs` will be used by default.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sample_type
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The lhs keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the lhs keyword must appear in conjunction with the sample_type keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- sample_type
- random

Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The random keyword invokes Monte Carlo sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions.

Default Behavior

Monte Carlo sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the random keyword must be specified in conjuction with the sample_type keyword.

Usage Tips

Monte Carlo sampling is more computationally expensive than Latin Hypercube Sampling as it requires a larger number of samples to accurately estimate statistics.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 200
```

probability_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_refinement

Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: sample_refinement

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	import	Sampling option
			adapt_import	Importance sampling option
			mm_adapt_import	Sampling option
	Optional		refinement_samples	Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Description

The `probability_refinement` allows refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling. If one specifies `probability_refinement`, there are some additional options. One can specify which type of importance sampling to use (`import`, `adapt_import`, or `mm_adapt_import`). Additionally, one can specify the number of refinement samples to use with `refinement_samples` and the seed to use with `seed`.

The `probability_refinement` density reweighting accounts originally was developed based on Gaussian distributions. It now accounts for additional non-Gaussian cases.

import

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_refinement
- import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level).

adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_refinement
- adapt_import

Importance sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`adapt_import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level). This continues iteratively until the failure probability estimate converges.

mm_adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_refinement
- mm_adapt_import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`mm_adapt_import` starts with all of the samples located in the failure region to build a multimodal sampling density. First, it uses a small number of samples around each of the initial samples in the failure region. Note that these samples are allocated to the different points based on their relative probabilities of occurrence: more probable points get more samples. This early part of the approach is done to search for "representative" points. Once these are located, the multimodal sampling density is set and then `mm_adapt_import` proceeds similarly to `adapt_import` (sample until convergence).

refinement_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_refinement
- refinement_samples

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate. If using uni-modal sampling all samples are assigned to the sampling center. If using multi-modal sampling the samples are split between mutiple samples according to some internally computed weights.

import_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file

Filename for points at which to evaluate the PCE/SC surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

Default Behavior No import of points at which to evaluate the surrogate.

Expected Output The PCE/SC surrogate model will be evaluated at the list of points (input variable values) provided in the file and results tabulated and/or statistics computed at them, depending on the method context.

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_approx_points_file = 'import.mcmc_annot.dat'
      annotated
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method

- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- import_approx_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **tabular format (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** annotated	**Dakota Keyword Description** Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file

- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

fixed_seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- fixed_seed

Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: not fixed; pattern varies run-to-run

Description

The `fixed_seed` flag is relevant if multiple sampling sets will be generated over the coarse of a Dakota analysis. This occurs when using advance methods (e.g., surrogate-based optimization, optimization under uncertainty). The same seed value is reused for each of these multiple sampling sets, which can be important for reducing variability in the sampling results.

Default Behavior

The default behavior is to not use a fixed seed, as the repetition of the same sampling pattern can result in a modeling weakness that an optimizer could potentially exploit (resulting in actual reliabilities that are lower than the estimated reliabilities). For repeatable studies, the `seed` must also be specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    fixed_seed
```

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- reliability_levels

Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_reliability_-levels	Specify which `reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF reliabilities by projecting out the prescribed number of sample standard deviations from the sample mean.

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- reliability_levels
- num_reliability_levels

Specify which `reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_-response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
```

```
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
```

```
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The num_response_levels keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If num_response_levels is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword probabilities	Dakota Keyword Description Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			reliabilities	Computes reliabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute

- reliabilities

Computes reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `reliabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the `reliabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- response_levels
- compute
- system

- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which probability_-levels correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If probability_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
```

```
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.0000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.0000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method

- stoch_collocation
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister`.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: method-dependent

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- stoch_collocation
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
```

```
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.48 sampling

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling

Randomly samples variables according to their distributions

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- sampling

Specification

Alias: nond_sampling

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		sample_type	Selection of sampling strategy
	Optional		variance_based_-decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables
	Optional		backfill	Ensures that the samples of discrete variables with finite support are unique
	Optional		principal_-components	Activates principal components analysis of the response matrix of N samples $*$ L responses.
	Optional		fixed_seed	Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

	Optional	reliability_levels	Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated
	Optional	response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This method generates parameter values by drawing samples from the specified uncertain variable probability distributions. The computational model is executed over all generated parameter values to compute the responses for which statistics are computed. The statistics support sensitivity analysis and uncertainty quantification.

Default Behavior

By default, `sampling` methods operate on aleatory and epistemic uncertain variables. The types of variables

can be restricted or expanded (to include design or state variables) through use of the `active` keyword in the variables block in the Dakota input file. If continuous design and/or state variables are designated as active, the sampling algorithm will treat them as parameters with uniform probability distributions between their upper and lower bounds. Refer to variable_support for additional information on supported variable types, with and without correlation.

The following keywords change how the samples are selected:

- sample_type
- fixed_seed
- rng
- samples
- seed
- variance_based_decomp

Expected Outputs

As a default, Dakota provides correlation analyses when running LHS. Correlation tables are printed with the simple, partial, and rank correlations between inputs and outputs. These can be useful to get a quick sense of how correlated the inputs are to each other, and how correlated various outputs are to inputs. `variance_based_decomp` is used to request more sensitivity information, with additional cost.

Additional statistics can be computed from the samples using the following keywords:

- `response_levels`
- `reliability_levels`
- `probability_levels`
- `gen_reliability_levels`

`response_levels` computes statistics at the specified response value. The other three allow the specification of the statistic value, and will estimate the corresponding response value.

`distribution` is used to specify whether the statistic values are from cumulative or complementary cumulative functions.

Usage Tips

`sampling` is a robust approach to doing sensitivity analysis and uncertainty quantification that can be applied to any problem. It requires more simulations than newer, advanced methods. Thus, an alternative may be preferable if the simulation is computationally expensive.

Examples

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501

environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'Sampling_basic.dat'

method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

```
model
  single

variables
  active uncertain
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    descriptors  =   'input1'     'input2'
    lower_bounds =  -2.0      -2.0
    upper_bounds =   2.0       2.0
  continuous_state = 1
    descriptors =   'constant1'
    initial_state = 100

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

This example illustrates a basic sampling Dakota input file.

- LHS is used instead of purely random sampling.
- The default random number generator is used.
- Without a `seed` specified, this will not be reproducable
- In the `variables` block, two types of variables are used
- Only the uncertain variables are varied, this is the default behavior, and is also specified by the `active` keyword, w/ the `uncertain` option

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- active
- incremental_lhs

FAQ

Q: Do I need to keep the LHS∗ and S4 files? **A:** No

sample_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type

Selection of sampling strategy

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: lhs

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** random	**Dakota Keyword Description** Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables
			lhs	Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
			incremental_lhs	Augments an existing Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) study
			incremental_-random	Augments an existing random sampling study

Description

The `sample_type` keyword allows the user to select between multiple random sampling approaches. There are two primary types of sampling: Monte Carlo (pure random) and Latin Hypercube Sampling. Additionally, these methods have incremental variants that allow an existing study to be augmented with additional samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles.

Default Behavior

If the `sample_type` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by `lhs`, `random`, `incremental_lhs`, or `incremental_random`. Otherwise, `lhs` will be used by default.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling

- sample_type
- random

Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `random` keyword invokes Monte Carlo sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions.

Default Behavior

Monte Carlo sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `random` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Monte Carlo sampling is more computationally expensive than Latin Hypercube Sampling as it requires a larger number of samples to accurately estimate statistics.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 200
```

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The lhs keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the lhs keyword must appear in conjunction with the sample_type keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

incremental_lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type
- incremental_lhs

Augments an existing Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no sample reuse in coefficient estimation

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		previous_samples	Number of samples from an already-completed sampling study

Description

incremental_lhs will augment an existing LHS sampling study with more samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles. The number of samples in the second set MUST currently be 2 times the number of previous samples, although incremental sampling based on any power of two may be supported in future releases.

Default Behavior

Incremental Latin Hypercube Sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `incremental_lhs` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword. Additionally, a previous LHS (or incremental LHS) sampling study with sample size N must have already been performed, and **the dakota restart file must be available from this previous study.** The variables and responses specifications must be the same in both studies. Incremental LHS sampling support both continuous uncertain variables and discrete uncertain variables such as discrete distributions (e.g. binomial, Poisson, etc.) as well as histogram variables and uncertain set types.

Usage Tips

The incremental approach is useful if it is uncertain how many simulations can be completed within available time.

See the examples below and the Usage and Restarting Dakota Studies pages.

Examples

For example, say a user performs an initial study using `lhs` as the `sample_type`, and generates 10 samples.

One way to ensure the restart file is saved is to specify a non-default name, via a command line option:

```
dakota -i LHS_10.in -w LHS_10.rst
```

which uses the input file:

```
# LHS_10.in

environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'lhs10.dat'

method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10

model
  single

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    descriptors  =   'input1'     'input2'
    lower_bounds =  -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds =   2.0      2.0

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

and the restart file is written to LHS_10.rst.

Then an incremental LHS study can be run with:

```
dakota -i LHS_20.in -r LHS_10.rst -w LHS_20.rst
```

where `LHS_20.in` is shown below, and LHS_10.rst is the restart file containing the results of the previous LHS study.

```
# LHS_20.in

environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'lhs_incremental_20.dat'

method
  sampling
    sample_type incremental_lhs
    samples = 20
    previous_samples = 10

model
  single

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    descriptors  =   'input1'     'input2'
    lower_bounds =  -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds =   2.0      2.0

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

The user will get 10 new LHS samples which maintain both the correlation and stratification of the original LHS sample. The new samples will be combined with the original samples to generate a combined sample of size 20.

This is clearly seen by comparing the two tabular data files.

previous_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type
- incremental_lhs
- previous_samples

Number of samples from an already-completed sampling study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 0 (no previous_samples)

Description

The previous_samples keyword allows the user to specify the number of samples in an existing sample set that is to be augmented using the incremental_lhs or incremental_random approach.

Default Behavior

If not specified, Dakota will assume that there are no existing samples. If specified, there must be a Dakota restart file available that contains the samples.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type incremental_lhs
    samples = 20
    previous_samples = 10
```

incremental_random

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type
- incremental_random

Augments an existing random sampling study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		previous_samples	Number of samples from an already-completed sampling study

Description

incremental_random will augment an existing random sampling study with more samples to get better estimates of mean, variance, and percentiles. There is no constraint on the number of samples in the second set as there is with incremental LHS. With incremental_random, one can have different sample sizes in the original and incremental set. This method can be used, for example, if you have 50 samples from a first study and find out that you are able to run 10 more samples.

Default Behavior

Incremental random sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the incremental_random keyword must be specified in conjuction with the sample_type keyword. Additionally, a previous random

sampling study with sample size N must have already been performed, and the dakota restart file must be available from this previous study. The variables and responses specifications must be the same in both studies.

Usage Tips

The incremental approach is useful if it is uncertain how many simulations can be completed within available time.

Examples

For example, say a user performs an initial study using `random` as the `sample_type`, and generates 50 samples. If the user creates a new input file where `samples` is now specified to be 60, the `sample_type` is defined to be `incremental_random`, and `previous_samples` is specified to be 50, the user will get 10 new random samples. The M new samples will be combined with the N previous samples to generate a combined sample of size M+N.

The method block would be the following:

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type incremental_random
    samples = 60
    previous_samples = 50
```

The syntax for running the second sample set is:

```
dakota -i input2.in -r dakota.rst
```

where `input2.in` is the file which specifies incremental sampling and dakota.rst is the restart file containing the results of the previous study.

previous_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- sample_type
- incremental_random
- previous_samples

Number of samples from an already-completed sampling study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 0 (no previous_samples)

Description

The `previous_samples` keyword allows the user to specify the number of samples in an existing sample set that is to be augmented using the `incremental_lhs` or `incremental_random` approach.

Default Behavior

If not specified, Dakota will assume that there are no existing samples. If specified, there must be a Dakota restart file available that contains the samples.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type incremental_lhs
    samples = 20
    previous_samples = 10
```

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. These indicate how important the uncertainty in each input variable is in contributing to the output variance.

Default Behavior

Because of the computational cost, `variance_based_decomp` is turned off as a default.

If the user specified a number of samples, N, and a number of nondeterministic variables, M, variance-based decomposition requires the evaluation of N∗(M+2) samples. **Note that specifying this keyword will increase the number of function evaluations above the number requested with the `samples` keyword since replicated sets of sample values are evaluated.**

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects and total effects will be reported. Main effects (roughly) represent the percent contribution of each individual variable to the variance in the model response. Total effects represent the percent contribution of each individual variable in combination with all other variables to the variance in the model response

Usage Tips

To obtain sensitivity indices that are reasonably accurate, we recommend that N, the number of samples, be at least one hundred and preferably several hundred or thousands.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : "The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input."

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[73] and[87].

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior

By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.

Usage Tips

For `polynomial_chaos`, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the `univariate_effects` may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

backfill

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- backfill

Ensures that the samples of discrete variables with finite support are unique

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Traditional LHS can generate replicate samples when applied to discrete variables. This keyword enforces uniqueness, which is determined only over the set of discrete variables with finite support. This allows one to generate LHS for a mixed set of continuous and discrete variables whilst still enforcing that the set of discrete LHS components of all the samples are unique.

Default Behavior

Uniqueness of samples over discrete variables is not enforced.

Usage Tips

Uniqueness can be useful when applying discrete LHS to simulations without noise.

Examples

```
method,
        sampling
          samples = 12
          seed = 123456
          sample_type lhs backfill

variables,
        active all
        uniform_uncertain = 1
          lower_bounds =  0.
          upper_bounds =  1.
          descriptors  = 'continuous-uniform'

        discrete_uncertain_set
          integer = 1
           elements_per_variable = 4
            elements  1 3 5 7
            descriptors =    'design-set-int'
```

```
          real = 1
            initial_point = 0.50
            set_values  =  0.25 0.50 0.75 1.00
            descriptors =  'design-set-real'

interface,
        direct analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
        response_functions = 3
        no_gradients
        no_hessians
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- lhs

principal_components

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- principal_components

Activates principal components analysis of the response matrix of N samples $*$ L responses.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		percent_variance_-explained	Specifies the number of components to retain to explain the specified percent variance.

Description

Dakota can calculate the principal components of the response matrix of N samples $*$ L responses using the keyword `principal_components`. Principal components analysis (PCA) is a data reduction method. The Dakota implementation is under active development: the PCA capability may ultimately be specified elsewhere or used in different ways. For now, it is performed as a post-processing analysis based on a set of Latin Hypercube samples.

We now have field responses in Dakota. PCA is an initial approach in Dakota to analyze and represent the field data. Specifically, if we have a sample ensemble of field data responses, we want to identify the principal

components responsible for the spread of that data. Then, we can generate a surrogate model by representing the overall response as weighted sum of M principal components, where the weights will be determined by GPs which are a function of the input uncertain variables. This reduced form then can be used for sensitivity analysis, calibration, etc.

The steps involved when one specifies `principal_components` in Dakota are as follows:

- Create an LHS input sample based on the uncertain variable specification and run the user-specified model at the LHS points to compute the field responses. For notation purposes, there are d input parameters, N samples, and the field length is L.
- Perform PCA on the covariance matrix of the data set from the previous step. This is done by first centering the data (e.g. subtracting the mean of each column from that column) and performing a singular value decomposition on the covariance matrix of the centered data. The eigenvectors of the covariance matrix correspond to the principal components.
- Identify M principal components based on the percentage of variance explained. There is an optional keyword for `principal_components` called `percent_variance_explained`, which is a threshold that determines the number of components that are retained to explain at least that amount of variance. For example, if the user specifies `percent_variance_explained` = 0.99, the number of components that accounts for at least 99 percent of the variance in the responses will be retained. The default for this percentage is 0.95. In many applications, only a few principal components explain the majority of the variance, resulting in significant data reduction.
- Use the principal components in a predictive sense, by constructing a prediction approximation. The basis functions for this approximation are the principal components. The coefficients of the bases are obtained by constructing GP surrogates for the factor scores of the M principal components. The GP surrogates will be functions of the uncertain inputs. The idea is that we have just performed PCA on (for example) the covariance matrix of 100 samples. Typically, those 100 samples will be generated by sampling over some d uncertain input parameters denoted by u, so there should be a mapping from u to the field data, specifically to the loading coefficients and the factor scores. Currently, the final item printed from a Principal Components Analysis in Dakota is a set of prediction samples based on this prediction approximation or surrogate model that relies on the principal components.

Default Behavior

`principal_components` is turned off as a default. It may be used with either scalar responses or field responses, but it is intended to be used with large field responses as a data reduction method. For example, typically we expect the number of LHS samples, N, to be less than the number of field responses, L (e.g. if there is one field, the number of responses values is the length of that field).

Expected Outputs

When `principal_components` is specified, the number of significant principal components is printed along with the predictions based on the principal components. If `output debug` is specified, additional information is printed, including the original response matrix, the centered data, the principal components, and the factor scores.

Usage Tips

This is a preliminary capability that is undergoing active development. Please contact the Dakota developers team if you have problems with using this capability or want to suggest additional features.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
```

```
    samples = 100
    principal_components
    percent_variance_explained = 0.98
```

Theory

There is an extensive statistical literature available on PCA. We recommend that the interested user peruse some of this in using the PCA capability.

percent_variance_explained

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- principal_components
- percent_variance_explained

Specifies the number of components to retain to explain the specified percent variance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Description

Dakota can calculate the principal components of the response matrix of N samples $*$ L responses using the keyword `principal_components`. Principal components analysis (PCA) is a data reduction method. `percent_variance_explained` is a threshold that determines the number of components that are retained to explain at least that amount of variance. For example, if the user specifies `percent_variance_explained` = 0.99, the number of components that accounts for at least 99 percent of the variance in the responses will be retained. The default for this percentage is 0.95. In many applications, only a few principal components explain the majority of the variance, resulting in significant data reduction.

Expected Outputs

Usage Tips `percent_variance_explained` should be a real number between 0.0 and 1.0. Typically, it will be between 0.9 and 1.0.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    principal_components
    percent_variance_explained = 0.98
```

Theory

There is an extensive statistical literature available on PCA. We recommend that the interested user peruse some of this in using the PCA capability.

fixed_seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- fixed_seed

Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: not fixed; pattern varies run-to-run

Description

The `fixed_seed` flag is relevant if multiple sampling sets will be generated over the coarse of a Dakota analysis. This occurs when using advance methods (e.g., surrogate-based optimization, optimization under uncertainty). The same seed value is reused for each of these multiple sampling sets, which can be important for reducing variability in the sampling results.

Default Behavior

The default behavior is to not use a fixed seed, as the repetition of the same sampling pattern can result in a modeling weakness that an optimizer could potentially exploit (resulting in actual reliabilities that are lower than the estimated reliabilities). For repeatable studies, the `seed` must also be specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    fixed_seed
```

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- reliability_levels

Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_reliability_-levels	Specify which `reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF reliabilities by projecting out the prescribed number of sample standard deviations from the sample mean.

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- reliability_levels
- num_reliability_levels

Specify which `reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
```

```
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
```

```
  --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** probabilities	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			reliabilities	Computes reliabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The compute keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is not specified, no statistics are computed. If response_levels is specified but compute is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both response_levels and compute are specified, then on of the following must be specified: probabilities, reliabilities, or gen_reliabilities.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by compute will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The probabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the probabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- reliabilities

Computes reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `gen_reliabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the `gen_reliabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** series	**Dakota Keyword Description** Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute

- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
```

```
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06
```

```
Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.0000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.0000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	mt19937	Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister`.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- rng

- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `rnum2` keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

`rnum2` is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended over `rnum2`.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- sampling
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.49 importance_sampling

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling

Importance sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- aleatory_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- sampling

Specification

Alias: nond_importance_sampling
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	import	Sampling option
			adapt_import	Importance sampling option
			mm_adapt_import	Sampling option
	Optional		refinement_samples	Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional		probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The `importance_sampling` method is based on ideas in reliability modeling.

An initial Latin Hypercube sampling is performed to generate an initial set of samples. These initial samples are augmented with samples from an importance density as follows:

- The variables are transformed to standard normal space.
- In the transformed space, the importance density is a set of normal densities centered around points which are in the failure region.
- Note that this is similar in spirit to the reliability methods, in which importance sampling is centered around a Most Probable Point (MPP).
- In the case of the LHS samples, the importance sampling density will simply by a mixture of normal distributions centered around points in the failure region.

Options

Choose one of the importance sampling options:

- `import`
- `adapt_import`
- `mm_adapt_import`

The options for importance sampling are as follows: `import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level).

adapt_import is the same as import but is performed iteratively until the failure probability estimate converges. mm_adapt_import starts with all of the samples located in the failure region to build a multimodal sampling density. First, it uses a small number of samples around each of the initial samples in the failure region. Note that these samples are allocated to the different points based on their relative probabilities of occurrence: more probable points get more samples. This early part of the approach is done to search for "representative" points. Once these are located, the multimodal sampling density is set and then mm_adapt_import proceeds similarly to adapt_import (sample until convergence).

Theory

Importance sampling is a method that allows one to estimate statistical quantities such as failure probabilities (e.g. the probability that a response quantity will exceed a threshold or fall below a threshold value) in a way that is more efficient than Monte Carlo sampling. The core idea in importance sampling is that one generates samples that preferentially samples important regions in the space (e.g. in or near the failure region or user-defined region of interest), and then appropriately weights the samples to obtain an unbiased estimate of the failure probability [76]. In importance sampling, the samples are generated from a density which is called the importance density: it is not the original probability density of the input distributions. The importance density should be centered near the failure region of interest. For black-box simulations such as those commonly interfaced with Dakota, it is difficult to specify the importance density a priori: the user often does not know where the failure region lies, especially in a high-dimensional space.[78]. We have developed two importance sampling approaches which do not rely on the user explicitly specifying an importance density.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- gpais
- local_reliability
- global_reliability
- sampling
- polynomial_chaos
- stoch_collocation

import

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level).

adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- adapt_import

Importance sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`adapt_import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level). This continues iteratively until the failure probability estimate converges.

mm_adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- mm_adapt_import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

mm_adapt_import starts with all of the samples located in the failure region to build a multimodal sampling density. First, it uses a small number of samples around each of the initial samples in the failure region. Note that these samples are allocated to the different points based on their relative probabilities of occurrence: more probable points get more samples. This early part of the approach is done to search for "representative" points. Once these are located, the multimodal sampling density is set and then mm_adapt_import proceeds similarly to adapt_import (sample until convergence).

refinement_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- refinement_samples

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate. If using uni-modal sampling all samples are assigned to the sampling center. If using multi-modal sampling the samples are split between mutiple samples according to some internally computed weights.

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_-response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
```

```
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
```

```
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The num_response_levels keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If num_response_levels is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword probabilities	Dakota Keyword Description Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling

- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword series	Dakota Keyword Description Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- importance_sampling
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.50 gpais

- Keywords Area

- method
- gpais

Gaussian Process Adaptive Importance Sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification

Specification

Alias: gaussian_process_adaptive_importance_sampling

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_-points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

`gpais` is recommended for problems that have a relatively small number of input variables (e.g. less than 10-20). This method, Gaussian Process Adaptive Importance Sampling, is outlined in the paper[**?**].

This method starts with an initial set of LHS samples and adds samples one at a time, with the goal of adaptively improving the estimate of the ideal importance density during the process. The approach uses a mixture of component densities. An iterative process is used to construct the sequence of improving component densities. At each iteration, a Gaussian process (GP) surrogate is used to help identify areas in the space where failure is likely to occur. The GPs are not used to directly calculate the failure probability; they are only used to approximate the importance density. Thus, the Gaussian process adaptive importance sampling algorithm overcomes limitations involving using a potentially inaccurate surrogate model directly in importance sampling calculations.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- local_reliability
- global_reliability
- sampling

- importance_sampling
- polynomial_chaos
- stoch_collocation

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10000

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **tabular format (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file

- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The `response_levels` specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
```

```
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** probabilities	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `gen_reliabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the `gen_reliabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.0000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.0000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword mt19937	Dakota Keyword Description Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- gpais
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.51 adaptive_sampling

- Keywords Area

- method
- adaptive_sampling

(Experimental) Build a GP surrogate and refine it adaptively

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification

Specification

Alias: nond_adaptive_sampling

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		fitness_metric	(Experimental) Specify the `fitness_metric` used to select the next point
	Optional		batch_selection	(Experimental) How to select new points
	Optional		batch_size	The number of points to add in each batch.
	Optional		import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

	Optional	response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional	misc_options	(Experimental) This is a capability used to send the adaptive sampling algorithm specific options.
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods

	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

This is an experimental capability that is not ready for production use at this point.

The goal in performing adaptive sampling is to construct a surrogate model that can be used as an accurate predictor to some expensive simulation, thus it is to one's advantage to build a surrogate that minimizes the error over the entire domain of interest using as little data as possible from the expensive simulation. The adaptive part alludes to the fact that the surrogate will be refined by focusing samples of the expensive simulation on particular areas of interest rather than rely on random selection or standard space-filling techniques.

At a high-level, the adaptive sampling pipeline is a four-step process:

- Evaluate the expensive simulation (referred to as the true model) at initial sample point

  1. Fit a surrogate model
  2. Create a candidate set and score based on information from surrogate
  3. Select a candidate point to evaluate the true model
  4. Loop until done

In terms of the Dakota implementation, the adaptive sampling method currently uses Latin Hypercube sampling (LHS) to generate the initial points in Step 1 above. For Step 2, we use a Gaussian process model.

The default behavior is to add one point at a time. At each iteration (e.g. each loop of Steps 2-4 above), a Latin Hypercube sample is generated (a new one, different from the initial sample) and the surrogate model is evaluated at this points. These are the candidate points that are then evaluated according to the fitness metric. The number of candidates used in practice should be high enough to fill most of the input domain: we recommend at least hundreds of points for a low-dimensional problem. All of the candidates (samples on the emulator) are given a score and then the highest-scoring candidate is selected to be evaluated on the true model.

The adaptive sampling method also can generate batches of points to add at a time using the `batch_selection` and `batch_size` keywords.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- gpais
- local_reliability
- global_reliability
- sampling
- importance_sampling
- polynomial_chaos
- stoch_collocation

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 400

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

fitness_metric

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- fitness_metric

(Experimental) Specify the `fitness_metric` used to select the next point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: predicted_variance

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	predicted_variance	Pick points with highest variance
			distance	Space filling metric
			gradient	Fill the range space of the surrogate

Description

The adaptive sampling is an experimental capability that is not ready for production use at this time.

The user can specify the `fitness_metric` used to select the next point (or points) to evaluate and add to the set. The fitness metrics used for scoring candidate points include:

- `predicted_variance`
- `distance`
- `gradient`

predicted_variance

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- fitness_metric
- predicted_variance

Pick points with highest variance

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The predicted variance metric uses the predicted variance of the Gaussian process surrogate as the score of a candidate point. Thus, the adaptively chosen points will be in areas of highest uncertainty according to the Gaussian process model.

distance

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- fitness_metric
- distance

Space filling metric

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The distance metric calculates the Euclidean distance in domain space between the candidate and its nearest neighbor in the set of points already evaluated on the true model. Therefore, the most undersampled area of the domain will always be selected. Note that this is a space-filling metric.

gradient

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- fitness_metric
- gradient

Fill the range space of the surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The gradient metric calculates the score as the absolute value of the difference in range space (the outputs) of the two points. The output values used are predicted from the surrogate model. This method attempts to evenly fill the range space of the surrogate.

batch_selection

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_selection

(Experimental) How to select new points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: naive

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	naive	Take the highest scoring candidates
			distance_penalty	Add a penalty to spread out the points in the batch
			topology	In this selection strategy, we use information about the topology of the space from the Morse-Smale complex to identify next points to select.
			constant_liar	Use information from the existing surrogate model to predict what the surrogate upgrade will be with new points.

Description

The adaptive_sampling is an experimental capability that is not ready for production use at this time.

With batch or multi-point selection, the true model can be evaluated in parallel and thus increase throughput before refitting our surrogate model. This proposes a new challenge as the problem of choosing a single point and choosing multiple points off a surrogate are fundamentally different. Selecting the `n` best scoring candidates is more than likely to generate a set of points clustered in one area which will not be conducive to adapting the surrogate.

We have implemented several strategies for batch selection of points. These are described in the User's manual and are the subject of active research.

The `batch_selection` strategies include:

1. `naive:`
2. `distance_penalty`
3. `constant_liar`
4. `topology`

naive

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_selection

- naive

Take the highest scoring candidates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This strategy will select the `n` highest scoring candidates regardless of their position. This tends to group an entire round of points in the same area.

distance_penalty

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_selection
- distance_penalty

Add a penalty to spread out the points in the batch

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In this strategy, the highest scoring candidate is selected and then all remaining candidates are re-scored with a distance penalization factor added in to the score.

topology

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_selection
- topology

In this selection strategy, we use information about the topology of the space from the Morse-Smale complex to identify next points to select.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In this strategy we look at the topology of the scoring function and select the n highest maxima in the topology. To determine local maxima, we construct the approximate Morse-Smale complex. This strategy does require the user to have the Morse-Smale package.

constant_liar

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_selection
- constant_liar

Use information from the existing surrogate model to predict what the surrogate upgrade will be with new points.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The strategy first selects the highest scoring candidate, and then refits the surrogate using a "lie" value at the point selected. The 'lie' value is based on the surrogate predictions and not the simulation. This process repeats until n points have been selected whereupon the lie values are removed from the surrogate and the selected points are evaluated on the true model and the surrogate is refit with these values.

batch_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- batch_size

The number of points to add in each batch.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The number of points to add in each batch.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)

- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The annotated keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify custom_annotated header eval_id
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to annotated format, though freeform remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the freeform option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **tabular format (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The annotated keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify custom_annotated header eval_id
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to annotated format, though freeform remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the freeform option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling

- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1          0.0002            0.26            0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
       samples = 100 seed = 1
       complementary distribution
       response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                 6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                 3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
```

```
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
```

```
  --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** probabilities	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The compute keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is not specified, no statistics are computed. If response_levels is specified but compute is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both response_levels and compute are specified, then on of the following must be specified: probabilities, reliabilities, or gen_reliabilities.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by compute will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The probabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the probabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

misc_options

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- misc_options

(Experimental) This is a capability used to send the adaptive sampling algorithm specific options.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no misc options

Description

The adaptive sampling algorithm is an experimental capability and not ready for production use at this time.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
```

```
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword mt19937	Dakota Keyword Description Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- adaptive_sampling
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.52 pof_darts

- Keywords Area

- method
- pof_darts

Probability-of-Failure (POF) darts is a novel method for estimating the probability of failure based on random sphere-packing.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification

Specification

Alias: nond_pof_darts

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		lipschitz	Select the type of Lipschitz estimation (global or local)
	Optional		emulator_samples	Specify the number of samples taken on the emulator to estimate the Probability of Failure in POF Darts
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

`pof_darts` is a novel method for estimating the probability of failure based on random sphere-packing. Random spheres are sampled from the domain with the constraint that each new sphere center has to be outside prior disks. The radius of each sphere is chosen such that the entire sphere lie either in the failure or the non-failure region. This radius depends of the function evaluation at the disk center, the failure threshold and an estimate of the function gradient at the disk center.

We utilize a global surrogate for evaluating the gradient and hence only one function evaluation is required for each sphere.

After exhausting the sampling budget specified by `samples`, which is the number of spheres per failure threshold, the domain is decomposed into two regions. These regions correspond to failure and non-failure, each represented by the union of the spheres of each type. The volume of the union of failure spheres gives a lower bound on the required estimate of the probability of failure, while the volume of the union of the non-failure spheres subtracted from the volume of the domain gives an upper estimate. We currently report the average of both estimates.

`pof_darts` handles multiple response functions and allows each to have multiple failure thresholds. For each failure threshold, `pof_darts` will insert a number of spheres specified by the user-input parameter `samples`.

However, estimating the probability of failure for each failure threshold would utilize the total number of disks sampled for all failure thresholds. For each failure threshold, the sphere radii changes to generate the right spatial decomposition.

lipschitz

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- lipschitz

Select the type of Lipschitz estimation (global or local)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** local	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify local estimation of the Lipschitz constant
			global	Specify global estimation of the Lipschitz estimate

Description

There are two types of Lipschitz estimation used in sizing the disks used in POF Darts: `global` and `local`. The global approach uses one Lipschitz estimate for the entire domain. The local approach calculates the Lipschitz estimate separately for each Voronoi region based on nearby points. The local method is more expensive but more accurate.

local

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- lipschitz
- local

Specify local estimation of the Lipschitz constant

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The local approach to estimate the Lipschitz constant calculates the Lipschitz estimate separately for each Voronoi region based on nearby points. The local method is more expensive but results in higher accuracy compared to the global method.

global

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- lipschitz
- global

Specify global estimation of the Lipschitz estimate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The global approach uses one Lipschitz estimate for the entire domain. This option is currently deactivated. Please refer to the local alternative.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- emulator_samples

Specify the number of samples taken on the emulator to estimate the Probability of Failure in POF Darts

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The last step of the POF Darts method involves constructing an emulator over the points identified thus far, and sampling that emulator extensively to estimate the probability of failure. `emulator_samples` allows one to specify the number of samples taken on the emulator. The default is 1E+6. If the probability of failure estimate is zero, the user may want to increase the number of emulator samples.

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The `response_levels` specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If `response_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The `num_response_levels` is used to specify which arguments of the `response_level` correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts

- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword probabilities	Dakota Keyword Description Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts

- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword series	Dakota Keyword Description Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
```

```
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
```

```
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	mt19937	Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- rng

- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `rnum2` keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

`rnum2` is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended over `rnum2`.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- pof_darts
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.53 rkd_darts

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts

Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts: Recursive Hyperplane Sampling for Numerical Integration of High-Dimensional Functions.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification

Specification

Alias: nond_rkd_darts

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	lipschitz	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional	emulator_samples	Specify the number of samples taken on the emulator to estimate the Numerical Integration in RKD Darts.
	Optional	response_levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional	distribution	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional	probability_levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional	rng	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Disclaimer: The RKD method is currently in development mode, for further experimental verification. Please contact Dakota team if you have further questions about using this method.

Recursive k-d (RKD) darts is an algorithm to evaluate the integration of a d-dimensional black box function f(x) via recursive sampling over d, using a series of hyperplanes of variable dimensionality k = {d, d-1, , 0}. Fundamentally, we decompose the d-dimensional integration problem into a series of nested one-dimensional problems. That is, we start at the root level (the whole domain) and start sampling down using hyperplanes of one lower dimension, all the way down to zero (points). A d-dimensional domain is subsampled using (d-1) hyperplanes, a (d-1)-dimensional sub-domain is subsampled using (d-2) hyperplanes, and so on. Every hyperplane, regardless of its dimension, is evaluated using sampled hyperplanes of one lower dimension, as shown in the set of figures above. Each hyperplane has direct information exchange with its parent hyperplane of one higher dimension, and its children of one lower dimension.

In each one-dimensional problem, we construct a piecewise approximation surrogate model, using 1-dimensional Lagrange interpolation. Information is exchanged between different levels, including integration values, as well as interpolation and evaluation errors, in order to a) find the integration value up to that level, b) estimate the associated integration error, and c) guide the placement of future samples.

lipschitz

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- lipschitz

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	local	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
			global	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

local

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- lipschitz
- local

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

global

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- lipschitz
- global

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- emulator_samples

Specify the number of samples taken on the emulator to estimate the Numerical Integration in RKD Darts.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Disclaimer: The RKD method is currently in development mode, for further experimental verification. Please contact Dakota team if you have further questions about using this method.

The last step of the RKD Darts method involves constructing an emulator over the points identified thus far, and sampling that emulator extensively to estimate the value of the numerical integration. `emulator_samples` allows one to specify the number of samples taken on the emulator. The default is 1E+6.

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional		compute	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	probabilities	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
			gen_reliabilities	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
	Optional		system	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** series	**Dakota Keyword Description** Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
			parallel	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- distribution

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
			complementary	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- distribution
- cumulative

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- distribution
- complementary

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- probability_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- gen_reliability_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- rng

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.
			rnum2	Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- rng
- mt19937

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- rng
- rnum2

Undocumented: Recursive k-d (RKD) Darts is an experimental capability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- rkd_darts
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
```

```
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.54 efficient_subspace

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace

(Experimental) efficient subspace method (ESM)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification

Specification

Alias: nond_efficient_subspace

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		batch_size	The number of points to add in each batch.
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

ESM is experimental and its implementation is incomplete. It is an active subspace method, intended for use with models with high dimensional input parameter spaces and analytic gradients. The method works by evaluating the response gradient at a number of points in the input parameter space and using a singular value decomposition to identify key linear combinations of input directions along which the response varies. Then UQ is performed in

the reduced input parameter space.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

batch_size

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- batch_size

The number of points to add in each batch.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The number of points to add in each batch.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also max_iterations.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- efficient_subspace
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.55 global_evidence

- Keywords Area

- method
- global_evidence

Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with global optimization methods

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- evidence_theory

Specification

Alias: nond_global_evidence

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sbo	Use the surrogate based optimization method
			ego	Use the Efficient Global Optimization method
			ea	Use an evolutionary algorithm
			lhs	Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

`global_evidence` allows the user to specify several global approaches for calculating the belief and plausibility functions:

- `lhs` - note: this takes the minimum and maximum of the samples as the bounds per ”interval cell combination.”
- `ego` - uses Efficient Global Optimization which is based on an adaptive Gaussian process surrogate.
- `sbo` - uses a Gaussian process surrogate (non-adaptive) within an optimization process.
- `ea` - uses an evolutionary algorithm. This can be expensive as the ea will be run for each interval cell combination.

Note that to calculate the plausibility and belief cumulative distribution functions, one has to look at all combinations of intervals for the uncertain variables. In terms of implementation, if one is using LHS sampling as outlined above, this method creates a large sample over the response surface, then examines each cell to determine the minimum and maximum sample values within each cell. To do this, one needs to set the number of samples relatively high: the default is 10,000 and we recommend at least that number. If the model you are running is a simulation that is computationally quite expensive, we recommend that you set up a surrogate model within the Dakota input file so that `global_evidence` performs its sampling and calculations on the surrogate and not on the original model. If one uses optimization methods instead to find the minimum and maximum sample values within each cell, this can also be computationally expensive.

Additional Resources
See the topic page evidence_theory for important background information and usage notes.
Refer to variable_support for information on supported variable types.

Theory

The basic idea is that one specifies an ”evidence structure” on uncertain inputs and propagates that to obtain belief and plausibility functions on the response functions. The inputs are defined by sets of intervals and Basic Probability Assignments (BPAs). Evidence propagation is computationally expensive, since the minimum and maximum function value must be calculated for each ”interval cell combination.” These bounds are aggregated into belief and plausibility.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global_interval_est
- local_evidence
- local_interval_est

sbo

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo

Use the surrogate based optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

	Optional	import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional	export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Description

A surrogate-based optimization method will be used. The surrogate employed in `sbo` is a Gaussian process surrogate.

The main difference between `ego` and the `sbo` approach is the objective function being optimized. `ego` relies on an expected improvement function, while in `sbo`, the optimization proceeds using an evolutionary algorithm (coliny_ea) on the Gaussian process surrogate: it is a standard surrogate-based optimization. Also note that the `sbo` option can support optimization over discrete variables (the discrete variables are relaxed) while `ego` cannot.

This is not the same as surrogate_based_global.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** surfpack	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK’s correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging’s correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK’s correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK’s correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging’s correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK’s correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK’s correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **tabular format (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips
Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.
Default Behavior
By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.
Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence

- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

ego

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego

Use the Efficient Global Optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Description

In the case of `ego`, the efficient global optimization (EGO) method is used to calculate bounds. By default, the Surfpack GP (Kriging) model is used, but the Dakota implementation may be selected instead. If `use_derivatives` is specified the GP model will be built using available derivative data (Surfpack GP only).

See efficient_global for more information.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK’s correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging’s correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK’s correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK’s correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging’s correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK’s correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK’s correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips
Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.
Default Behavior
By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.
Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence

- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

ea

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- ea

Use an evolutionary algorithm

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

In this approach, the evolutionary algorithm from Coliny, coliny_ea, is used to perform the interval optimization with no surrogate model involved. Again, this option of `ea` can support interval optimization over discrete variables.

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `lhs` keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the `lhs` keyword must appear in conjunction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The `response_levels` specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If `response_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The `num_response_levels` is used to specify which arguments of the `response_level` correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a `response_level` of 52.3 followed with `compute probabilities` will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the `num_response_levels` key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
```

```
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The num_response_levels keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If num_response_levels is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	probabilities	Computes probabilities associated with response levels

			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system

- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which probability_-levels correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If probability_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
```

```
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which gen_-reliability_-levels correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method

- global_evidence
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: `http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister`.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: method-dependent

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_evidence
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
```

```
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.56 global_interval_est

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est

Interval analysis using global optimization methods

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- interval_estimation

Specification

Alias: nond_global_interval_est

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sbo	Use the surrogate based optimization method
			ego	Use the Efficient Global Optimization method

			ea	Use an evolutionary algorithm
			lhs	Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
	Optional		rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		max_function_evaluations	Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations
	Optional		samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

In the global approach to interval estimation, one uses either a global optimization method or a sampling method to assess the bounds of the responses.

`global_interval_est` allows the user to specify several approaches to calculate interval bounds on the output responses.

- `lhs` - note: this takes the minimum and maximum of the samples as the bounds
- `ego`
- `sbo`

- ea

Additional Resources
Refer to variable_support for information on supported variable types.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global_evidence
- local_evidence
- local_interval_est

sbo

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo

Use the surrogate based optimization method

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

	Optional	export_approx_-points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Description

A surrogate-based optimization method will be used. The surrogate employed in `sbo` is a Gaussian process surrogate.

The main difference between `ego` and the `sbo` approach is the objective function being optimized. `ego` relies on an expected improvement function, while in `sbo`, the optimization proceeds using an evolutionary algorithm (coliny_ea) on the Gaussian process surrogate: it is a standard surrogate-based optimization. Also note that the `sbo` option can support optimization over discrete variables (the discrete variables are relaxed) while `ego` cannot.

This is not the same as surrogate_based_global.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** surfpack	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional Optional*(Choose One)*	Description of Group tabular format (Group 1)	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips
Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.
Default Behavior
By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.
Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- sbo
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

ego

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego

Use the Efficient Global Optimization method

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Description

In the case of `ego`, the efficient global optimization (EGO) method is used to calculate bounds. By default, the Surfpack GP (Kriging) model is used, but the Dakota implementation may be selected instead. If `use_derivatives` is specified the GP model will be built using available derivative data (Surfpack GP only).

See efficient_global for more information.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword surfpack	Dakota Keyword Description Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK’s correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging’s correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK’s correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK’s correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging’s correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK’s correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK’s correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est

- ego
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The use_derivatives flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips
Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.
Default Behavior
By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.
Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est

- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ego
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

ea

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- ea

Use an evolutionary algorithm

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

In this approach, the evolutionary algorithm from Coliny, coliny_ea, is used to perform the interval optimization with no surrogate model involved. Again, this option of `ea` can support interval optimization over discrete variables.

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `lhs` keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the `lhs` keyword must appear in conjunction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword mt19937	Dakota Keyword Description Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_function_evaluations

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- max_function_evaluations

Stopping criteria based on number of function evaluations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 1000

Description

The maximum number of function evaluations (default: 1000). See also max_iterations.

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_interval_est
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.57 bayes_calibration

- Keywords Area

- method
- bayes_calibration

Bayesian calibration

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration
- package_queso

Specification

Alias: nond_bayes_calibration

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** queso	**Dakota Keyword Description** Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms from the QUESO package
			gpmsa	(Experimental) Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis (GPMSA) Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm with Gaussian Process Surrogate
			wasabi	(Experimental Method) Non-MCMC Bayesian inference using interval analysis

			dream	DREAM (DiffeRential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis)
	Optional		standardized_space	Perform Bayesian inference in standardized probability space
	Optional		calibrate_error_multipliers	Calibrate hyper-parameter multipliers on the observation error covariance
	Optional		convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional		samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Bayesian calibration methods take prior information on parameter values (in the form of prior distributions) and observational data (e.g. from experiments) and produce posterior distributions on the parameter values. When the computational simulation is then executed with samples from the posterior parameter distributions, the results that are produced are consistent with (”agree with”) the experimental data. Calibrating parameters from a computational simulation model requires a ”likelihood function” that specifies the likelihood of observing a particular observation given the model and its associated parameterization; Dakota assumes a Gaussian likelihood function currently. The algorithms that produce the posterior distributions on model parameters are most commonly Monte Carlo Markov Chain (MCMC) sampling algorithms. MCMC methods require many samples, often tens of thousands, so in the case of model calibration, often emulators of the computational simulation are used. For more details on the algorithms underlying the methods, see the Dakota User’s manual.

Dakota has three Bayesian calibration methods: QUESO, DREAM, and GPMSA, specified with `bayes_calibration queso`, `bayes_calibration dream`, or `bayes_calibration gpmsa`, respectively. The QUESO method uses components from the QUESO library (Quantification of Uncertainty for Estimation, Simulation, and Optimization) developed at The University of Texas at Austin. Dakota uses its DRAM (Delayed Rejected Adaptive Metropolis) algorithm, and variants, for the MCMC sampling. DREAM (DiffeRential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis) is a method that runs multiple different chains simultaneously for global exploration, and automatically tunes the proposal covariance during the process by a self-adaptive randomized subspace sampling.[86]. GPMSA (Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis) is an approach developed at Los Alamos National Laboratory. It constructs Gaussian process models to emulate the expensive computational simulation as well as model discrepancy. GPMSA also has extensive features for calibration, such as the capability to include a "model discrepancy" term and the capability to model functional data such as time series data.

The Bayesian capabilities are under active development. At this stage, the QUESO methods in Dakota are the most advanced and robust, followed by DREAM, followed by GPMSA, which is in prototype form at this time. Dakota also has an experimental WASABI capability for non-MCMC Bayesian inference; it is not yet ready for production use. Note that as of Dakota 6.2, the field responses and associated field data may be used with QUESO and DREAM. That is, the user can specify field simulation data and field experiment data, and Dakota will interpolate and provide the proper residuals to the Bayesian calibration.

queso

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso

Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms from the QUESO package

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration
- package_queso

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		emulator	Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function

	Optional		logit_transform	Utilize the logit transformation to reduce sample rejection for bounded domains
	Optional		export_chain_-points_file	Export the MCMC chain to the specified filename
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**MCMC algorithm type (Group 1)**	dram	Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm
			delayed_rejection	Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm
			adaptive_-metropolis	Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm
			metropolis_-hastings	Use the Metropolis--Hastings MCMC algorithm
			multilevel	Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.
	Optional		rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional		pre_solve	Perform deterministic optimization for MAP before Bayesian calibration

	Optional	proposal_-covariance	Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.

Description

For the QUESO method, one can use an emulator in the MCMC sampling. This will greatly improve the speed, since the Monte Carlo Markov Chain will generate thousands of samples on the emulator instead of the real simulation code. However, in the case of fast running evaluations, we recommend the use of no emulator. An emulator may be specified with the keyword `emulator`, followed by a `gaussian_process` emulator, a `pce` emulator (polynomial chaos expansion), or a `sc` emulator (stochastic collocation). For the `gaussian_process` emulator, the user must specify whether to use the `surfpack` or `dakota` version of the Gaussian process. The user can define the number of samples `emulator_samples` from which the emulator should be built. It is also possible to build the Gaussian process from points read in from the `import_points_file` and to export approximation-based sample evaluations using `export_points_file`. For `pce` or `sc`, the user can define a `sparse_grid_level`.

In terms of the MCMC sampling, one can specify one of the following MCMC algorithms to use: `dram` for D-RAM (Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis), `delayed_rejection` for delayed_rejection only, `adaptive_metropolis` for adaptive metropolis only, `metropolis_hastings` for Metropolis Hastings, and `multilevel` for the multilevel MCMC algorithm.

There are a variety of ways the user can specify the proposal covariance matrix which is very important in governing the samples generated in the chain. The proposal covariance specifies the covariance structure of a multivariate normal distribution. The user can specify `proposal_covariance`, followed by `derivatives`, `prior`, `values`, or `filename`. The derivative specification involves forming the Hessian of the misfit function (the negative log likelihood). When derivative information is available inexpensively (e.g. from an emulator), the derived-based proposal covariance forms a more accurate proposal distribution, resulting in lower rejection rates and faster chain mixing. The prior setting involves constructing the proposal from the variance of the prior distributions of the parameters being calibrated. When specifying the proposal covariance with values or from a file, the user can choose to specify only the diagonals of the covariance matrix with `diagonal` or to specify the full covariance matrix with `matrix`.

There are two other controls for QUESO. The `pre_solve` option enables the user to start the chain at an optimal point, the Maximum A Posteriori (MAP) point. This is the point in parameter space that maximizes the log posterior, (defined as the log-likelihood minus the log_prior). A deterministic optimization method is used to obtain the MAP point, and the MCMC chain is then started at the best point found in the optimization. The second factor is a `logit_transform`, which performs an internal variable transformation from bounded domains to unbounded domains in order to reduce sample rejection due to an out-of-bounds condition.

Note that as of Dakota 6.2, the field data capability may be used with QUESO. That is, the user can specify field simulation data and field experiment data, and Dakota will interpolate and provide the proper residuals to the Bayesian calibration.

emulator

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration

- queso
- emulator

Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **emulator type (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword gaussian_process	Dakota Keyword Description Gaussian Process surrogate model
			pce	Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model
			sc	Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Description

This keyword describes the type of emulator used when calculating the likelihood function for the Bayesian calibration. The emulator can be a Gaussian process, polynomial chaos expansion, or stochastic collocation.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here "inexpensive" means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient

information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process

- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

pce

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce

Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

			expansion_order	The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion
			collocation_points	Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Description

Selects a polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) surrogate model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using PCE as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the PCE coefficients can be computed either from integration using a sparse grid or from regression using a random/unstructured data set.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

expansion_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order

The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		collocation_ratio	Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

When the expansion_order for a a polynomial chaos expansion is specified, the coefficients may be computed by integration based on random samples or by regression using either random or sub-sampled tensor product quadrature points.

Multidimensional integration by Latin hypercube sampling (specified with `expansion_samples`). In this case, the expansion order p cannot be inferred from the numerical integration specification and it is necessary to provide an `expansion_order` to specify p for a total-order expansion.

Linear regression (specified with either `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`). A total-order expansion is used and must be specified using `expansion_order` as described in the previous option. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the `collocation_ratio` allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., `collocation_ratio` = 2. produces samples = $2N$). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using `ratio_order`. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the `collocation_ratio` and o is the `ratio_order`. The `use_derivatives` flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$). When admissible, a constrained least squares approach is employed in which response values are first reproduced exactly and error in reproducing response derivatives is minimized. Two collocation grid options are supported: the default is Latin hypercube sampling (”point collocation”), and an alternate approach of ”probabilistic collocation” is also available through inclusion of the `tensor_grid` keyword. In this alternate case, the collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

If `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio` is specified, the PCE coefficients will be determined by regression. If no regression specification is provided, appropriate defaults are defined. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems and under-determined systems will be solved

using LASSO. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares. Technical information on the various methods listed below can be found in the Linear regression section of the Theory Manual. Some of the regression methods (OMP, LASSO, and LARS) are able to produce a set of possible PCE coefficient vectors (see the Linear regression section in the Theory Manual). If cross validation is inactive, then only one solution, consistent with the `noise_tolerance`, will be returned. If cross validation is active, Dakota will choose between possible coefficient vectors found internally by the regression method across the set of expansion orders (1,...,`expansion_order`) and the set of specified noise tolerances and return the one with the lowest cross validation error indicator.

collocation_ratio

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Description

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p, the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_ratio and o is the ratio_order. The use_derivatives flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$).

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method

- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator

- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1          0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

collocation_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator

- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.

- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

sc

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- sc

Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Description

Selects stochastic collocation (SC) model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using SC as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the build points (training points) for the stochastic collocation are constructed from a sparse grid.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- stoch_collocation

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- sc
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- emulator
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

logit_transform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- logit_transform

Utilize the logit transformation to reduce sample rejection for bounded domains

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The logit transformation performs an internal variable transformation from bounded domains to unbounded domains in order to reduce sample rejection due to an out-of-bounds condition.

Default Behavior

This option is experimental at present, and is therefore defaulted off.

Usage Tips

This option can be helpful when regions of high posterior density exist in the corners of a multi-dimensional bounded domain. In these cases, it may be difficult to generate feasible samples from the proposal density, such that transformation to unbounded domains may greatly reduce sample rejection rates.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          dram
          logit_transform
```

export_chain_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file

Export the MCMC chain to the specified filename

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: chain export to default filename

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **tabular format (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** annotated	**Dakota Keyword Description** Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The filename to which the final MCMC posterior chain will be exported.

Default Behavior No export to file.

Expected Output

A tabular data file will be produced in the specified format (annotated by default) containing samples from the posterior distribution.

Usage Tips

Additional Discussion

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- export_chain_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

dram

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- dram

Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dram

Description

The type of Markov Chain Monte Carlo used. This keyword specifies the use of DRAM, (Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis)[39].

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows very little about the proposal covariance, using dram is a recommended strategy. The proposal covariance is adaptively updated, and the delayed rejection may help improve low acceptance rates.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          dram
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

delayed_rejection

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- delayed_rejection

Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Delayed Rejection algorithm in which there can be a delay in rejecting samples from the chain. That is, the "DR" part of DRAM is used but the "AM" part is not, rather a regular Metropolis-Hastings algorithm is used.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows something about the proposal covariance or the proposal covariance is informed through derivative information, using `delayed_rejection` is preferred over `dram`: the proposal covariance is already being informed by derivative information and the adaptive metropolis is not necessary.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          delayed_rejection
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- proposal_covariance

adaptive_metropolis

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- adaptive_metropolis

Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Adaptive Metropolis algorithm. That is, the "AM" part of DRAM is used but the "DR" part is not: specifying this keyword activates only the Adaptive Metropolis part of the MCMC algorithm, in which the covariance of the proposal density is updated adaptively.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows very little about the proposal covariance, but doesn't want to incur the cost of using full dram with both delayed rejection and adaptive metropolis, specifying only `adaptive_metropolis` offers a good strategy.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          adaptive_metropolis
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

metropolis_hastings

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- metropolis_hastings

Use the Metropolis-Hastings MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for the MCMC chain generation. This means there is no delayed rejection and no adaptive proposal covariance updating as in DRAM.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user wants to use Metropolis-Hastings, possibly as a comparison to the other methods which involve more chain adaptation, this is the MCMC type to use.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          metropolis_hastings
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

multilevel

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- multilevel

Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dram

Description

Selects the multilevel algorithm described in[70].

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

The multilevel algorithm is a more experimental algorithm than the other MCMC approaches mentioned above. It works well in cases where the prior can be ”evolved” to a posterior in a structured way. Currently, the multilevel option is not in production form.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          multilevel
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `rnum2` keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

`rnum2` is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended over `rnum2`.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

pre_solve

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- pre_solve

Perform deterministic optimization for MAP before Bayesian calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: nip pre-solve for emulators

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** sqp	**Dakota Keyword Description** Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

			nip	Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Description

When specified, Dakota will perform a deterministic gradient-based optimization to maximize the log posterior (log-likelihood - log_prior). The Markov Chain in Bayesian calibration will be started at the best point found in the optimization (the MAP point). Note that both optimization methods available (`sqp` and `nip`) require gradients. The gradients will be assessed based on the model the user specifies (e.g. if an emulator is used, the gradients will be taken with respect to the emulator, otherwise they will be based on the user specification for the model, either finite-difference or analytic gradients.)

Default Behavior No MAP pre-solve; simply start the MCMC process at the user-specified initial value.

Expected Output When pre-solve is enabled, the output will include a deterministic optimization, followed by a Bayesian calibration. The final results will include the MAP point as well as posterior statistics from the MCMC chain.

Examples

```
method
  bayes_calibration queso
    samples = 2000 seed = 348
    delayed_rejection
    emulator
      pce sparse_grid_level = 2
      pre_solve nip
```

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- pre_solve
- sqp

Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `sqp` keyword directs Dakota to use a sequential quadratic programming method to solve that problem. A sequential quadratic programming solves a sequence of linearly constrained quadratic optimization problems to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

nip

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- pre_solve
- nip

Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `nip` keyword directs Dakota to use a nonlinear interior point to solve that problem. A nonlinear interior point method traverses the interior of the feasible region to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

proposal_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance

Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword derivatives	Dakota Keyword Description Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.
			prior	Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.
			values	Specifies matrix values to use as the MCMC proposal covariance.
			filename	Uses a file to import a user-specified MCMC proposal covariance.

Description

The proposal covariance is used to define a multivariate normal (MVN) jumping distribution used to create new points within a Markov chain. That is, a new point in the chain is determined by sampling within a MVN probability density with prescribed covariance that is centered at the current chain point. The accuracy of the proposal covariance has a significant effect on rejection rates and the efficiency of chain mixing.

Default Behavior

The default proposal covariance is `prior` when no emulator is present; `derivatives` when an emulator is present.

Expected Output

The effect of the proposal covariance is reflected in the MCMC chain values and the rejection rates, which can be seen in the diagnostic outputs from the QUESO solver within the `QuesoDiagnostics` directory.

Usage Tips

When derivative information is available inexpensively (e.g., from an emulator model), the derived-based proposal covariance forms a more accurate proposal distribution, resulting in lower rejection rates and faster chain mixing.

derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration

- queso
- proposal_covariance
- derivatives

Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		proposal_updates	Restarts the MCMC chain with updated derivative-based proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from the Hessian of the misfit function (negative log likelihood), where this Hessian is defined from either a Gauss-Newton approximation (using only first derivatives of the calibration terms) or a full Hessian (using values, first derivatives, and second derivatives of the calibration terms). If this Hessian is indeterminate, it will be corrected as described in[6]

Default Behavior The default is `prior` based proposal covariance. This is a more advanced option that exploits structure in the form of the likelihood.

Expected Output

When derivatives are specified for defining the proposal covariance, the misfit Hessian and its inverse (the MVN proposal covariance) will be output to the standard output stream.

Usage Tips

The full Hessian of the misfit is used when either supported by the emulator in use (for PCE and surfpack GP, but not SC or dakota GP) or by the user's response specification (Hessian type is not "no_hessians"), in the case of no emulator. When this full Hessian is indefinite and cannot be inverted to form the proposal covariance, fallback to the positive semi-definite Gauss-Newton Hessian is employed.

Since this proposal covariance is locally accurate, it should be updated periodically using the proposal_updates option. While the adaptive metropolis option can be used in combination with derivative-based preconditioning, it is generally preferable to instead increase the proposal update frequency due to the improved local accuracy of this approach.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          delayed_rejection
          emulator pce sparse_grid_level = 2
          proposal_covariance derivatives # default proposal_updates
```

proposal_updates

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- derivatives
- proposal_updates

Restarts the MCMC chain with updated derivative-based proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

When employing derivative-based proposal covariance, this specification defines the number of restarts that are performed during the course of the total sample size of the MCMC chain. For each restart, a new chain is initiated from the final point in the previous acceptance chain using updated proposal covariance corresponding to the derivatives values at the new starting point.

Default Behavior

If proposal_updates is not specified, then the default frequency for restarting the chain with updated proposal covariance is every 100 samples.

Expected Output

Each restarted chain will generate a new QUESO header and sampling summary, and the chain diagnostics will be appended within the outputData directory.

Usage Tips

proposal_updates should be tailored to the size of the total chain, accounting for the relative expense of derivative-based proposal updates.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          delayed_rejection
          emulator pce sparse_grid_level = 2
          proposal_covariance derivatives
            proposal_updates = 50 # restarted chains, each with 40 new points
```

prior

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- prior

Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from the covariance of the prior distributions. This covariance is currently assumed to be diagonal without correlation.

Default Behavior

This is the default proposal_covariance option.

Usage Tips

Since this proposal covariance is defined globally, the chain does not need to be periodically restarted using local updates to this proposal. However, it is usually effective to adapt the proposal using one of the adaptive metropolis MCMC options.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance prior
```

values

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso

- proposal_covariance
- values

Specifies matrix values to use as the MCMC proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** diagonal	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specifies the diagonal matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.
			matrix	Specifies the full matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from user-specified matrix values. The matrix input format must be declared as either a full matrix or a matrix diagonal.

Default Behavior

This option is not the default, and generally implies special a priori knowledge from the user.

Usage Tips

This option is not supported for the case of transformations to standardized probability space.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            values ... # See leaf nodes for required format option
```

diagonal

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration

- queso
- proposal_covariance
- values
- diagonal

Specifies the diagonal matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

When specifying the MCMC proposal covariance in an input file, this keyword declares the use of a diagonal matrix format, i.e., the user only provides the (positive) values along the diagonal.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            diagonal values 1.0e6 1.0e-1
```

matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- values
- matrix

Specifies the full matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

When specifying the MCMC proposal covariance in an input file, this keyword declares the use of a full matrix format, i.e., the user provides all values of the matrix, not just the diagonal. The matrix must be symmetric, positive-definite.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            matrix values 1.0 0.1
                          0.1 2.0
```

filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- filename

Uses a file to import a user-specified MCMC proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	diagonal	Specifies the diagonal matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

			matrix	Specifies the full matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from importing data a user-specified filename. This import must be declared as either a full matrix or a matrix diagonal.

Default Behavior

This option is not the default, and generally implies special a priori knowledge from the user.

Usage Tips

This option is not supported for the case of transformations to standardized probability space.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            filename ... # See leaf nodes for required format option
```

diagonal

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- filename
- diagonal

Specifies the diagonal matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

When importing the MCMC proposal covariance from a user-specified filename, this keyword declares the use of a diagonal matrix format, i.e., the user only provides the (positive) values along the diagonal.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            diagonal filename 'dakota_cantilever_queso.diag.dat'
```

matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- queso
- proposal_covariance
- filename
- matrix

Specifies the full matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

When importing the MCMC proposal covariance from a user-specified filename, this keyword declares the use of a full matrix format, i.e., the user provides all values of the matrix, not just the diagonal. The matrix must be symmetric, positive-definite.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            matrix filename 'dakota_cantilever_queso.matrix.dat'
```

gpmsa

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa

(Experimental) Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis (GPMSA) Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithm with Gaussian Process Surrogate

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_queso
- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**MCMC algorithm type (Group 1)**	dram	Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm
			delayed_rejection	Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm
			adaptive_-metropolis	Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm
			metropolis_-hastings	Use the Metropolis--Hastings MCMC algorithm
			multilevel	Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.
	Optional		rng	Selection of a random number generator

	Optional	pre_solve	Perform deterministic optimization for MAP before Bayesian calibration
	Optional	proposal_covariance	Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.

Description

GPMSA (Gaussian Process Models for Simulation Analysis) is another approach that provides the capability for Bayesian calibration. The GPMSA implementation currently is an experimental capability and not ready for production use at this time. A key part of GPMSA is the construction of an emulator from simulation runs collected at various settings of input parameters. The emulator is a statistical model of the system response, and it is used to incorporate the observational data to improve system predictions and constrain or calibrate the unknown parameters. The GPMSA code draws heavily on the theory developed in the seminal Bayesian calibration paper by Kennedy and O'Hagan[55]. The particular approach in GPMSA has been developed by the Los Alamos group and document in[48]. GPMSA uses Gaussian process models in the emulation, but the emulator is actually a set of basis functions (e.g. from a singular value decomposition) which have GPs as the coefficients.

For the GPMSA method, one can define the number of samples which will be used in construction of the emulator, `emulator_samples`. The emulator involves Gaussian processes in GPMSA, so the user does not specify anything about emulator type. At this point, the only controls active for GPMSA are `emulator_samples`, `seed` and `rng`, and `samples` (the number of MCMC samples) and the type of MCMC algorithm (e.g. `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, or `multilevel`). NOTE: the GPMSA method is in a very preliminary, prototype state at this time. The user will need to modify certain data structures in the code for their particular application and recompile to run with GPMSA.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The annotated keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

dram

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- dram

Use the DRAM MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dram

Description

The type of Markov Chain Monte Carlo used. This keyword specifies the use of DRAM, (Delayed Rejection Adaptive Metropolis)[39].

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows very little about the proposal covariance, using dram is a recommended strategy. The proposal covariance is adaptively updated, and the delayed rejection may help improve low acceptance rates.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          dram
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

delayed_rejection

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- delayed_rejection

Use the Delayed Rejection MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Delayed Rejection algorithm in which there can be a delay in rejecting samples from the chain. That is, the "DR" part of DRAM is used but the "AM" part is not, rather a regular Metropolis-Hastings algorithm is used.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows something about the proposal covariance or the proposal covariance is informed through derivative information, using `delayed_rejection` is preferred over `dram`: the proposal covariance is already being informed by derivative information and the adaptive metropolis is not necessary.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          delayed_rejection
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- proposal_covariance

adaptive_metropolis

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- adaptive_metropolis

Use the Adaptive Metropolis MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Adaptive Metropolis algorithm. That is, the "AM" part of DRAM is used but the "DR" part is not: specifying this keyword activates only the Adaptive Metropolis part of the MCMC algorithm, in which the covariance of the proposal density is updated adaptively.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user knows very little about the proposal covariance, but doesn't want to incur the cost of using full dram with both delayed rejection and adaptive metropolis, specifying only `adaptive_metropolis` offers a good strategy.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          adaptive_metropolis
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

metropolis_hastings

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- metropolis_hastings

Use the Metropolis-Hastings MCMC algorithm

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dram

Description

This keyword specifies the use of a Metropolis-Hastings algorithm for the MCMC chain generation. This means there is no delayed rejection and no adaptive proposal covariance updating as in DRAM.

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

If the user wants to use Metropolis-Hastings, possibly as a comparison to the other methods which involve more chain adaptation, this is the MCMC type to use.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          metropolis_hastings
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

multilevel

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- multilevel

Use the multilevel MCMC algorithm.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dram

Description

Selects the multilevel algorithm described in[70].

Default Behavior

Five MCMC algorithm variants are supported: `dram`, `delayed_rejection`, `adaptive_metropolis`, `metropolis_hastings`, and `multilevel`. The default is `dram`.

Usage Tips

The multilevel algorithm is a more experimental algorithm than the other MCMC approaches mentioned above. It works well in cases where the prior can be ”evolved” to a posterior in a structured way. Currently, the multilevel option is not in production form.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          multilevel
          samples = 10000 seed = 348
```

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword mt19937	Dakota Keyword Description Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The mt19937 keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

mt19937 is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The rnum2 keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

rnum2 is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the rng keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (mt19937) is recommended over rnum2.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

pre_solve

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- pre_solve

Perform deterministic optimization for MAP before Bayesian calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: nip pre-solve for emulators

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sqp	Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization
			nip	Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Description

When specified, Dakota will perform a deterministic gradient-based optimization to maximize the log posterior (log-likelihood - log_prior). The Markov Chain in Bayesian calibration will be started at the best point found in the optimization (the MAP point). Note that both optimization methods available (`sqp` and `nip`) require gradients. The gradients will be assessed based on the model the user specifies (e.g. if an emulator is used, the gradients will be taken with respect to the emulator, otherwise they will be based on the user specification for the model, either finite-difference or analytic gradients.)

Default Behavior No MAP pre-solve; simply start the MCMC process at the user-specified initial value.

Expected Output When pre-solve is enabled, the output will include a deterministic optimization, followed by a Bayesian calibration. The final results will include the MAP point as well as posterior statistics from the MCMC chain.

Examples

```
method
  bayes_calibration queso
    samples = 2000 seed = 348
    delayed_rejection
    emulator
      pce sparse_grid_level = 2
      pre_solve nip
```

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- pre_solve
- sqp

Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `sqp` keyword directs Dakota to use a sequential quadratic programming method to solve that problem. A sequential quadratic programming solves a sequence of linearly constrained quadratic optimization problems to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

nip

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- pre_solve
- nip

Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `nip` keyword directs Dakota to use a nonlinear interior point to solve that problem. A nonlinear interior point method traverses the interior of the feasible region to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

proposal_covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance

Defines the technique used to generate the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	derivatives	Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.
			prior	Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.

			values	Specifies matrix values to use as the MCMC proposal covariance.
			filename	Uses a file to import a user-specified MCMC proposal covariance.

Description

The proposal covariance is used to define a multivariate normal (MVN) jumping distribution used to create new points within a Markov chain. That is, a new point in the chain is determined by sampling within a MVN probability density with prescribed covariance that is centered at the current chain point. The accuracy of the proposal covariance has a significant effect on rejection rates and the efficiency of chain mixing.

Default Behavior

The default proposal covariance is `prior` when no emulator is present; `derivatives` when an emulator is present.

Expected Output

The effect of the proposal covariance is reflected in the MCMC chain values and the rejection rates, which can be seen in the diagnostic outputs from the QUESO solver within the `QuesoDiagnostics` directory.

Usage Tips

When derivative information is available inexpensively (e.g., from an emulator model), the derived-based proposal covariance forms a more accurate proposal distribution, resulting in lower rejection rates and faster chain mixing.

derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- derivatives

Use derivatives to inform the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		proposal_updates	Restarts the MCMC chain with updated derivative-based proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from the Hessian of the misfit function (negative log likelihood), where this Hessian is defined from either a Gauss-Newton approximation (using only first derivatives of the calibration terms) or a full Hessian (using values, first derivatives, and second derivatives of the calibration terms). If this Hessian is indeterminate, it will be corrected as described in[6]

Default Behavior The default is `prior` based proposal covariance. This is a more advanced option that exploits structure in the form of the likelihood.

Expected Output

When derivatives are specified for defining the proposal covariance, the misfit Hessian and its inverse (the MVN proposal covariance) will be output to the standard output stream.

Usage Tips

The full Hessian of the misfit is used when either supported by the emulator in use (for PCE and surfpack GP, but not SC or dakota GP) or by the user's response specification (Hessian type is not "no_hessians"), in the case of no emulator. When this full Hessian is indefinite and cannot be inverted to form the proposal covariance, fallback to the positive semi-definite Gauss-Newton Hessian is employed.

Since this proposal covariance is locally accurate, it should be updated periodically using the proposal_updates option. While the adaptive metropolis option can be used in combination with derivative-based preconditioning, it is generally preferable to instead increase the proposal update frequency due to the improved local accuracy of this approach.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          delayed_rejection
          emulator pce sparse_grid_level = 2
          proposal_covariance derivatives # default proposal_updates
```

proposal_updates

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- derivatives

- proposal_updates

Restarts the MCMC chain with updated derivative-based proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

When employing derivative-based proposal covariance, this specification defines the number of restarts that are performed during the course of the total sample size of the MCMC chain. For each restart, a new chain is initiated from the final point in the previous acceptance chain using updated proposal covariance corresponding to the derivatives values at the new starting point.

Default Behavior

If proposal_updates is not specified, then the default frequency for restarting the chain with updated proposal covariance is every 100 samples.

Expected Output

Each restarted chain will generate a new QUESO header and sampling summary, and the chain diagnostics will be appended within the outputData directory.

Usage Tips

proposal_updates should be tailored to the size of the total chain, accounting for the relative expense of derivative-based proposal updates.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          delayed_rejection
          emulator pce sparse_grid_level = 2
          proposal_covariance derivatives
            proposal_updates = 50 # restarted chains, each with 40 new points
```

prior

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- prior

Uses the covariance of the prior distributions to define the MCMC proposal covariance.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from the covariance of the prior distributions. This covariance is currently assumed to be diagonal without correlation.

Default Behavior

This is the default proposal_covariance option.

Usage Tips

Since this proposal covariance is defined globally, the chain does not need to be periodically restarted using local updates to this proposal. However, it is usually effective to adapt the proposal using one of the adaptive metropolis MCMC options.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance prior
```

values

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- values

Specifies matrix values to use as the MCMC proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword diagonal	Dakota Keyword Description Specifies the diagonal matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.
			matrix	Specifies the full matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from user-specified matrix values. The matrix input format must be declared as either a full matrix or a matrix diagonal.

Default Behavior

This option is not the default, and generally implies special a priori knowledge from the user.

Usage Tips

This option is not supported for the case of transformations to standardized probability space.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            values ... # See leaf nodes for required format option
```

diagonal

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- values
- diagonal

Specifies the diagonal matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

When specifying the MCMC proposal covariance in an input file, this keyword declares the use of a diagonal matrix format, i.e., the user only provides the (positive) values along the diagonal.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            diagonal values 1.0e6 1.0e-1
```

matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- values
- matrix

Specifies the full matrix format when specifying a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

When specifying the MCMC proposal covariance in an input file, this keyword declares the use of a full matrix format, i.e., the user provides all values of the matrix, not just the diagonal. The matrix must be symmetric, positive-definite.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            matrix values 1.0 0.1
                          0.1 2.0
```

filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- filename

Uses a file to import a user-specified MCMC proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** diagonal	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specifies the diagonal matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.
			matrix	Specifies the full matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Description

This keyword selection results in definition of the MCMC proposal covariance from importing data a user-specified filename. This import must be declared as either a full matrix or a matrix diagonal.

Default Behavior

This option is not the default, and generally implies special a priori knowledge from the user.

Usage Tips

This option is not supported for the case of transformations to standardized probability space.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            filename ... # See leaf nodes for required format option
```

diagonal

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- filename
- diagonal

Specifies the diagonal matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

When importing the MCMC proposal covariance from a user-specified filename, this keyword declares the use of a diagonal matrix format, i.e., the user only provides the (positive) values along the diagonal.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            diagonal filename 'dakota_cantilever_queso.diag.dat'
```

matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- gpmsa
- proposal_covariance
- filename
- matrix

Specifies the full matrix format when importing a user-specified proposal covariance.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

When importing the MCMC proposal covariance from a user-specified filename, this keyword declares the use of a full matrix format, i.e., the user provides all values of the matrix, not just the diagonal. The matrix must be symmetric, positive-definite.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
         samples = 1000 seed = 348
          dram
          proposal_covariance
            matrix filename 'dakota_cantilever_queso.matrix.dat'
```

wasabi

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi

(Experimental Method) Non-MCMC Bayesian inference using interval analysis

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		emulator	Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function
	Required		data_distribution	(Experimental Capability) Specify the distribution of the experimental data

	Optional	posterior_density_export_filename	(Experimental Capability) Filename for the exported posterior density
	Optional	posterior_samples_export_filename	(Experimental Capability) Filename for the exported posterior samples
	Optional	posterior_samples_import_filename	(Experimental Capability) Filename for imported posterior samples
	Optional	generate_posterior_samples	(Experimental Capability) Generate random samples from the posterior density

Description

Offers an alternative to Markov Chain Monte Carlo-based Bayesian inference. This is a nascent capability, not yet ready for production use.

Usage Guidelines: The WASABI method requires an emulator model.

Attention: While the `emulator` specification for WASABI includes the keyword posterior_adaptive, it is not yet operational.

Examples

```
method
  bayes_calibration
    wasabi
```

emulator

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator

Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**emulator type (Group 1)**	gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
			pce	Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model
			sc	Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Description

This keyword describes the type of emulator used when calculating the likelihood function for the Bayesian calibration. The emulator can be a Gaussian process, polynomial chaos expansion, or stochastic collocation.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword surfpack	Dakota Keyword Description Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

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   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here "inexpensive" means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient

information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of `emulator_samples` that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **tabular format (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** annotated	**Dakota Keyword Description** Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process

- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

pce

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce

Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

			expansion_order	The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion
			collocation_points	Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Description

Selects a polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) surrogate model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using PCE as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the PCE coefficients can be computed either from integration using a sparse grid or from regression using a random/unstructured data set.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

expansion_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order

The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		collocation_ratio	Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

When the expansion_order for a a polynomial chaos expansion is specified, the coefficients may be computed by integration based on random samples or by regression using either random or sub-sampled tensor product quadrature points.

Multidimensional integration by Latin hypercube sampling (specified with `expansion_samples`). In this case, the expansion order p cannot be inferred from the numerical integration specification and it is necessary to provide an `expansion_order` to specify p for a total-order expansion.

Linear regression (specified with either `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`). A total-order expansion is used and must be specified using `expansion_order` as described in the previous option. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the `collocation_ratio` allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., `collocation_ratio` = 2. produces samples = $2N$). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using `ratio_order`. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the `collocation_ratio` and o is the `ratio_order`. The `use_derivatives` flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$). When admissible, a constrained least squares approach is employed in which response values are first reproduced exactly and error in reproducing response derivatives is minimized. Two collocation grid options are supported: the default is Latin hypercube sampling (”point collocation”), and an alternate approach of ”probabilistic collocation” is also available through inclusion of the `tensor_grid` keyword. In this alternate case, the collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

If `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio` is specified, the PCE coefficients will be determined by regression. If no regression specification is provided, appropriate defaults are defined. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems and under-determined systems will be solved

using LASSO. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares. Technical information on the various methods listed below can be found in the Linear regression section of the Theory Manual. Some of the regression methods (OMP, LASSO, and LARS) are able to produce a set of possible PCE coefficient vectors (see the Linear regression section in the Theory Manual). If cross validation is inactive, then only one solution, consistent with the `noise_tolerance`, will be returned. If cross validation is active, Dakota will choose between possible coefficient vectors found internally by the regression method across the set of expansion orders (1,...,`expansion_order`) and the set of specified noise tolerances and return the one with the lowest cross validation error indicator.

collocation_ratio

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Description

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p, the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_ratio and o is the ratio_order. The use_derivatives flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$).

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method

- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator

- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1          0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

collocation_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator

- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.

- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

sc

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- sc

Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Description

Selects stochastic collocation (SC) model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using SC as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the build points (training points) for the stochastic collocation are constructed from a sparse grid.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- stoch_collocation

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- sc
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- emulator
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

data_distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution

(Experimental Capability) Specify the distribution of the experimental data

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	gaussian	(Experimental Capability) Gaussian error distribution
			obs_data_filename	(Experimental Capability) Filename from which to read experimental data

gaussian

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution
- gaussian

(Experimental Capability) Gaussian error distribution

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required		means	(Experimental Capability) Means of Gaussian error distribution
	Required		covariance	(Experimental Capability) Covariance of a Gaussian error distribution

means

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution

- gaussian
- means

(Experimental Capability) Means of Gaussian error distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

covariance

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution
- gaussian
- covariance

(Experimental Capability) Covariance of a Gaussian error distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** diagonal	**Dakota Keyword Description** (Experimental Capability) Diagonal error covariance
			matrix	(Experimental Capability) Symmetric positive definite error covariance

diagonal

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi

- data_distribution
- gaussian
- covariance
- diagonal

(Experimental Capability) Diagonal error covariance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

matrix

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution
- gaussian
- covariance
- matrix

(Experimental Capability) Symmetric positive definite error covariance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

obs_data_filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- data_distribution
- obs_data_filename

(Experimental Capability) Filename from which to read experimental data

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

posterior_density_export_filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- posterior_density_export_filename

(Experimental Capability) Filename for the exported posterior density

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

posterior_samples_export_filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- posterior_samples_export_filename

(Experimental Capability) Filename for the exported posterior samples

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

posterior_samples_import_filename

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- posterior_samples_import_filename

(Experimental Capability) Filename for imported posterior samples

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

generate_posterior_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- generate_posterior_samples

(Experimental Capability) Generate random samples from the posterior density

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		evaluate_posterior-_density	(Experimental Capability) Evaluate the posterior density and output to the specified file

evaluate_posterior_density

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- wasabi
- generate_posterior_samples
- evaluate_posterior_density

(Experimental Capability) Evaluate the posterior density and output to the specified file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

dream

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream

DREAM (DiffeRential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		chains	Number of chains in DREAM
	Optional		num_cr	Number of candidate points for each crossover.
	Optional		crossover_chain_-pairs	Number of chains used in crossover.
	Optional		gr_threshold	Convergence tolerance for the Gelman-Rubin statistic
	Optional		jump_step	Number of generations a long jump step is taken
	Optional		emulator	Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function

Description

The DiffeRential Evolution Adaptive Metropolis algorithm is described in[86]. For the DREAM method, one can define the number of chains used with `chains` (minimum 3). The total number of generations per chain in DREAM is the number of samples (`samples`) divided by the number of chains (`chains`). The number of chains randomly selected to be used in the crossover each time a crossover occurs is `crossover_chain_pairs`. There is an extra adaptation during burn-in, in which DREAM estimates a distribution of crossover probabilities that favors large jumps over smaller ones in each of the chains. Normalization is required to ensure that all of

the input dimensions contribute equally. In this process, a discrete number of candidate points for each crossover value is generated. This parameter is `num_cr`. The `gr_threshold` is the convergence tolerance for the Gelman-Rubin statistic which will govern the convergence of the multiple chain process. The integer `jump_step` forces a long jump every `jump_step` generations. For more details about these parameters, see[86].

Attention: While the `emulator` specification for DREAM includes the keyword posterior_adaptive, it is not yet operational.

chains

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- chains

Number of chains in DREAM

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 3

Description

Number of chains in DREAM

num_cr

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- num_cr

Number of candidate points for each crossover.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

In DREAM, there is an extra adaptation during burn-in, in which DREAM estimates a distribution of crossover probabilities that favors large jumps over smaller ones in each of the chains. Normalization is required to ensure that all of the input dimensions contribute equally. In this process, a discrete number of candidate points for each crossover value is generated. This parameter is num_cr.

crossover_chain_pairs

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- crossover_chain_pairs

Number of chains used in crossover.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 3

Description

The number of chains randomly selected to be used in the crossover each time a crossover occurs.

gr_threshold

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- gr_threshold

Convergence tolerance for the Gelman-Rubin statistic

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.2

Description

The gr_threshold is the convergence tolerance for the Gelman-Rubin statistic which will govern the convergence of the multiple chain process.

jump_step

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- jump_step

Number of generations a long jump step is taken

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- bayesian_calibration

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 5

Description

The integer jump_step forces a long jump every jump_step generations in DREAM.

emulator

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator

Use an emulator or surrogate model to evaluate the likelihood function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**emulator type (Group 1)**	gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
			pce	Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model
			sc	Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Description

This keyword describes the type of emulator used when calculating the likelihood function for the Bayesian calibration. The emulator can be a Gaussian process, polynomial chaos expansion, or stochastic collocation.

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

Default: Surfpack Gaussian process

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate
	Optional		emulator_samples	Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here "inexpensive" means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also

significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the point_selection option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

emulator_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- emulator_samples

Number of data points used to train the surrogate model or emulator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword refers to the number of build points or training points used to construct a Gaussian process emulator. If the user specifies a number of emulator_samples that is less than the minimum number of points required to build the GP surrogate, Dakota will augment the samples to obtain the minimum required.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process

- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- gaussian_process
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

pce

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce

Polynomial Chaos Expansion surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword sparse_grid_level	Dakota Keyword Description Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation
			expansion_order	The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion
			collocation_points	Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Description

Selects a polynomial chaos expansion (PCE) surrogate model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using PCE as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the PCE coefficients can be computed either from integration using a sparse grid or from regression using a random/unstructured data set.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- polynomial_chaos

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

expansion_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order

The (initial) order of a polynomial expansion

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		collocation_ratio	Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

When the expansion_order for a a polynomial chaos expansion is specified, the coefficients may be computed by integration based on random samples or by regression using either random or sub-sampled tensor product quadrature points.

Multidimensional integration by Latin hypercube sampling (specified with `expansion_samples`). In this case, the expansion order p cannot be inferred from the numerical integration specification and it is necessary to provide an `expansion_order` to specify p for a total-order expansion.

Linear regression (specified with either `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio`). A total-order expansion is used and must be specified using `expansion_order` as described in the previous option. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p), the `collocation_ratio` allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., `collocation_ratio` = 2. produces samples = $2N$). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using `ratio_order`. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the `collocation_ratio` and o is the `ratio_order`. The `use_derivatives` flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$). When admissible, a constrained least squares approach is employed in which response values are first reproduced exactly and error in reproducing response derivatives is minimized. Two collocation grid options are supported: the default is Latin hypercube sampling (”point collocation”), and an alternate approach of ”probabilistic collocation” is also available through inclusion of the `tensor_grid` keyword. In this alternate case, the collocation grid is defined using a subset of tensor-product quadrature points: the order of the tensor-product grid is selected as one more than the expansion order in each dimension (to avoid sampling at roots of the basis polynomials) and then the tensor multi-index is uniformly sampled to generate a non-repeated subset of tensor quadrature points.

If `collocation_points` or `collocation_ratio` is specified, the PCE coefficients will be determined by regression. If no regression specification is provided, appropriate defaults are defined. Specifically SVD-based least-squares will be used for solving over-determined systems and under-determined systems will be solved

using LASSO. For the situation when the number of function values is smaller than the number of terms in a PCE, but the total number of samples including gradient values is greater than the number of terms, the resulting over-determined system will be solved using equality constrained least squares. Technical information on the various methods listed below can be found in the Linear regression section of the Theory Manual. Some of the regression methods (OMP, LASSO, and LARS) are able to produce a set of possible PCE coefficient vectors (see the Linear regression section in the Theory Manual). If cross validation is inactive, then only one solution, consistent with the `noise_tolerance`, will be returned. If cross validation is active, Dakota will choose between possible coefficient vectors found internally by the regression method across the set of expansion orders (1,...,`expansion_order`) and the set of specified noise tolerances and return the one with the lowest cross validation error indicator.

collocation_ratio

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- collocation_ratio

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Description

Set the number of points used to build a PCE via regression to be proportional to the number of terms in the expansion. To avoid requiring the user to calculate N from n and p, the collocation_ratio allows for specification of a constant factor applied to N (e.g., collocation_ratio = 2. produces samples = 2N). In addition, the default linear relationship with N can be overridden using a real-valued exponent specified using ratio_order. In this case, the number of samples becomes cN^o where c is the collocation_ratio and o is the ratio_order. The use_derivatives flag informs the regression approach to include derivative matching equations (limited to gradients at present) in the least squares solutions, enabling the use of fewer collocation points for a given expansion order and dimension (number of points required becomes $\frac{cN^o}{n+1}$).

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method

- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator

- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1          0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- expansion_order
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

collocation_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		posterior_adaptive	Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Description

Specify the number of collocation points used to estimate PCE coefficients using regression or orthogonal-least-interpolation.

posterior_adaptive

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- posterior_adaptive

Adapt the emulator model to achieve greater accuracy in regions of high posterior probability.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Following an emulator-based MCMC process, this option refines the emulator by selecting points in regions of high posterior probability, performing truth evaluations at these points, updating the emulator, and reperforming the MCMC process. The adaptation is continued until the maximum number of iterations is exceeded or the convergence tolerance is met.

Examples

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 2000 seed = 348
  delayed_rejection
  emulator
    gaussian_process surfpack emulator_samples = 30
    posterior_adaptive max_iterations = 10
    proposal_covariance derivatives
```

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator

- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.

- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- pce
- collocation_points
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

sc

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- sc

Stochastic Collocation polynomial surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		sparse_grid_level	Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Description

Selects stochastic collocation (SC) model to use in the Bayesian likelihood calculations. When using SC as a surrogate within the Bayesian framework, the build points (training points) for the stochastic collocation are constructed from a sparse grid.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- stoch_collocation

sparse_grid_level

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- sc
- sparse_grid_level

Set the sparse grid level to be used when peforming sparse grid integration or sparse grid interpolation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Multi-dimensional integration by the Smolyak sparse grid method (specified with sparse_grid_level and, optionally, dimension_preference). The underlying one-dimensional integration rules are the same as for the tensor-product quadrature case; however, the default rule selection is nested for sparse grids (Genz-Keister for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Patterson for uniforms/transformed uniforms). This default can be overridden with an explicit non_nested specification (resulting in Gauss-Hermite for normals/transformed normals and Gauss-Legendre for uniforms/transformed uniforms). As for tensor quadrature, the dimension_preference specification enables the use of anisotropic sparse grids (refer to the PCE description in the User's Manual for the anisotropic index set constraint definition). Similar to anisotropic tensor grids, the dimension with greatest preference will have resolution at the full sparse_grid_level and all other dimension resolutions will be reduced in proportion to their reduced preference. For PCE with either isotropic or anisotropic sparse grids, a summation of tensor-product expansions is used, where each anisotropic tensor-product quadrature rule underlying the sparse grid construction results in its own anisotropic tensor-product expansion as described in case 1. These anisotropic tensor-product expansions are summed into a sparse PCE using the standard Smolyak summation (again, refer to the User's Manual for additional details). As for quadrature_order, the sparse_grid_level specification admits an array input for enabling specification of multiple grid resolutions used by certain advanced solution methodologies.

This keyword can be used when using sparse grid integration to calculate PCE coefficients or when generating samples for sparse grid collocation.

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- dream
- emulator
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

standardized_space

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- standardized_space

Perform Bayesian inference in standardized probability space

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option transforms the inference process (MCMC sampling and any emulator model management) into a standardized probability space.

The variable transformations performed are as described in askey.

Default Behavior

The default for the Gaussian process and no emulator options is to perform inference in the original probability space (no transformation). Polynomial chaos and stochastic collocation emulators, on the other hand, are always formed in standardized probability space, such that the inference process is also performed in this standardized space.

Expected Output

The user will see the truth model evaluations performed in the original space, whereas any method diagnostics relating to the MCMC samples (e.g., QUESO data in the outputData directory) will report points and response data (response gradients and Hessians, if present, will differ but response values will not) that correspond to the transformed space.

Usage Tips

Selecting standardized_space generally has the effect of scaling the random variables to be of comparable magnitude, which can improve the efficiency of the Bayesian inference process.

Examples

```
method,
        bayes_calibration queso
          samples = 2000 seed = 348
          dram
          standardized_space
```

calibrate_error_multipliers

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers

Calibrate hyper-parameter multipliers on the observation error covariance

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **Group 1**	Dakota Keyword one	Dakota Keyword Description Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier across all responses/experiments
			per_experiment	Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier per experiment
			per_response	Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier per response
			both	Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier for each response/experiment pair
	Optional		hyperprior_alphas	Shape (alpha) of the inverse gamma hyper-parameter prior

Description

Calibrate one or more multipliers on the user-provided observation error covariance (variance_type). Options include `one` multiplier on the whole block-diagonal covariance structure, one multiplier `per_experiment` covariance block, one multiplier `per_response` covariance block, or separate multipliers for each response/experiment pair (for a total of number experiments X number response groups).

Default Behavior: No hyper-parameter calibration. When hyper-parameter calibration is enabled, the default prior on the multiplier is a diffuse inverse gamma, with mean and mode approximately 1.0.

Expected Output: Final calibration results will include both inference parameters and one or more calibrated hyper-parameters.

Usage Tips: The per_response option can be useful when each response has its own measurement error process, but all experiments were gathered with the same equipment and conditions. The per_experiment option might be used when working with data from multiple independent laboratories.

Examples

Perform Bayesian calibration with 2 calibration variables and two hyper-parameter multipliers, one per each of two responses. The multipliers are assumed the same across the 10 experiments. The priors on the multipliers are specified using the hyperprior_alphas and hyperprior_betas keywords.

```
bayes_calibration queso
  samples = 1000 seed = 348
  dram
  calibrate_error_multipliers per_response
    hyperprior_alphas = 27.0
    hyperprior_betas  = 26.0

variables
  uniform_uncertain 2
    upper_bounds  1.e8 10.0
    lower_bounds 1.e6 0.1
    initial_point 2.85e7 2.5
    descriptors 'E' 'w'

responses
    calibration_terms = 2
    calibration_data_file = 'expdata.withsigma.dat'
      freeform
      num_experiments = 10
        variance_type = 'scalar'
```

one

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- one

Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier across all responses/experiments

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A single hyper-parameter multiplying all response/experiment covariance blocks will be estimated.

per_experiment

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- per_experiment

Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier per experiment

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

One hyper-parameter multiplying each experiment covariance block will be estimated.

per_response

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- per_response

Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier per response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

One hyper-parameter multiplying each response covariance block will be estimated.

both

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- both

Calibrate one hyper-parameter multiplier for each response/experiment pair

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

One hyper-parameter multiplying each experiment/response covariance block will be estimated.

hyperprior_alphas

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- hyperprior_alphas

Shape (alpha) of the inverse gamma hyper-parameter prior

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		hyperprior_betas	Scale (beta) of the inverse gamma hyper-parameter prior

Description

Shape of the prior distribution for calibrated error multipliers. Either a single value or number of hyper-parameters values may be specified.

Default: 102.0 (with beta = 103.0) so mean and mode are approximately 1.0 and standard deviation is about 0.1.

hyperprior_betas

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- calibrate_error_multipliers
- hyperprior_alphas
- hyperprior_betas

Scale (beta) of the inverse gamma hyper-parameter prior

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Scale of the prior distribution for calibrated error multipliers. Either a single value or number of hyper-parameters values may be specified.

Defaults to 103.0 (with alpha = 102.0) so mean and mode are approximately 1.0 and standard deviation is about 0.1.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations

- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- bayes_calibration
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
```

```
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.58 dace

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace

Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_ddace
- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword grid	Dakota Keyword Description Grid Sampling
	Required*(Choose One)*	**DACE type (Group 1)**	random	Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables
			oas	Orthogonal Array Sampling
			lhs	Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables
			oa_lhs	Orthogonal Array Latin Hypercube Sampling
			box_behnken	Box-Behnken Design
			central_composite	Central Composite Design
	Optional		main_effects	ANOVA
	Optional		quality_metrics	Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples
	Optional		variance_based_-decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

	Optional	fixed_seed	Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets
	Optional	symbols	Number of replications in the sample set
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Distributed Design and Analysis of Computer Experiments (DDACE) library provides the following DACE techniques:

1. grid sampling (`grid`)
2. pure random sampling (`random`)
3. orthogonal array sampling (`oas`)
4. latin hypercube sampling (`lhs`)
5. orthogonal array latin hypercube sampling (`oa_lhs`)
6. Box-Behnken (`box_behnken`)
7. central composite design (`central_composite`)

These methods all generate point sets that may be used to drive a set of computer experiments. Note that all of the DACE methods generated randomized designs, except for Box-Behnken and Central composite which are classical designs. That is, the grid sampling will generate a randomized grid, not what one typically thinks of as a grid of uniformly spaced points over a rectangular grid. Similar, the orthogonal array is a randomized version of an orthogonal array: it does not generate discrete, fixed levels.

In addition to the selection of the method, there are keywords that affect the method outputs:

1. main_effects
2. quality_metrics
3. variance_based_decomp

And keywords that affect the sampling:

1. fixed_seed
2. symbols
3. samples
4. seed

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- fsu_cvt
- fsu_quasi_mc
- psuade_moat

grid

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- grid

Grid Sampling

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The grid option in DACE will produce a randomized grid of points. If you are interested in a regular grid of points, use the multidimensional parameter study (under Parameter Studies) instead. Grid Sampling

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- random

Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `random` keyword invokes Monte Carlo sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions.

Default Behavior

Monte Carlo sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `random` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Monte Carlo sampling is more computationally expensive than Latin Hypercube Sampling as it requires a larger number of samples to accurately estimate statistics.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 200
```

oas

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- oas

Orthogonal Array Sampling

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Orthogonal array sampling (OAS) is a widely used technique for running experiments and systematically testing factor effects. An orthogonal array sample can be described as a 4-tuple $(m; n; s; r)$, where m is the number of sample points, n is the number of input variables, s is the number of symbols, and r is the strength of the orthogonal array. The number of sample points, m, must be a multiple of the number of symbols, s. The number of symbols refers to the number of levels per input variable. The strength refers to the number of columns where we are guaranteed to see all the possibilities an equal number of times. Note that the DACE OAS capability produces a randomized orthogonal array: the samples for a particular level are randomized within that level.

If one examines the sample sets in an orthogonal array by looking at the rows as individual samples and columns as the variables sampled, one sees that the columns are orthogonal to each other in an orthogonal array. This feature is important in main effects analysis, which is a sensitivity analysis technique that identifies which variables have the most influence on the output.

lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- lhs

Uses Latin Hypercube Sampling (LHS) to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `lhs` keyword invokes Latin Hypercube Sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions. This is a stratified, space-filling approach that selects variable values from a set of equi-probable bins.

Default Behavior

By default, Latin Hypercube Sampling is used. To explicitly specify this in the Dakota input file, however, the `lhs` keyword must appear in conjunction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Latin Hypercube Sampling is very robust and can be applied to any problem. It is fairly effective at estimating the mean of model responses and linear correlations with a reasonably small number of samples relative to the number of variables.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

oa_lhs

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- oa_lhs

Orthogonal Array Latin Hypercube Sampling

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The Orthogonal Array Latin Hypercube Sampling option in DACE produces a "latinized" version of an orthogonal array. That is, after the orthgonal array is generated, the samples go through a stratification process to produce samples that have been both orthogonalized and stratified.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- oas

box_behnken

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- box_behnken

Box-Behnken Design

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The Box-Behnken design is similar to a Central Composite design, with some differences. The Box-Behnken design is a quadratic design in that it does not contain an embedded factorial or fractional factorial design. In this design the treatment combinations are at the midpoints of edges of the process space and at the center, as compared with CCD designs where the extra points are placed at star points on a circle outside of the process space. Box- Behken designs are rotatable (or near rotatable) and require 3 levels of each factor.

central_composite

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- central_composite

Central Composite Design

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A central composite design (CCD), contains an embedded factorial or fractional factorial design with a center points that is augmented with a group of ”star points” that allow estimation of curvature.

Examples

See the User's Manual for an example.

main_effects

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- main_effects

ANOVA

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No main_effects

Description

The `main_effects` control prints Analysis-of-Variance main effects results (e.g. ANOVA tables with p-values per variable). The `main_effects` control is only operational with the orthogonal arrays or Latin Hypercube designs, not for Box Behnken or Central Composite designs.

Main effects is a sensitivity analysis method which identifies the input variables that have the most influence on the output. In main effects, the idea is to look at the mean of the response function when variable A (for example) is at level 1 vs. when variable A is at level 2 or level 3. If these mean responses of the output are statistically significantly different at different levels of variable A, this is an indication that variable A has a significant effect on the response. The orthogonality of the columns is critical in performing main effects analysis, since the column orthogonality means that the effects of the other variables ”cancel out” when looking at the overall effect from one variable at its different levels.

quality_metrics

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- quality_metrics

Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No quality_metrics

Description

`quality_metrics` calculates four quality metrics relating to the volumetric spacing of the samples. The four quality metrics measure different aspects relating to the uniformity of point samples in hypercubes. Desirable properties of such point samples are:

- are the points equally spaced
- do the points cover the region
- and are they isotropically distributed
- with no directional bias in the spacing

The four quality metrics we report are:

- h: the point distribution norm, which is a measure of uniformity of the point distribution
- chi: a regularity measure, and provides a measure of local uniformity of a set of points
- tau: the second moment trace measure
- d: the second moment determinant measure

All of these values are scaled so that smaller is better (the smaller the metric, the better the uniformity of the point distribution).

Examples

Complete explanation of these measures can be found in [38].

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. These indicate how important the uncertainty in each input variable is in contributing to the output variance.

Default Behavior

Because of the computational cost, `variance_based_decomp` is turned off as a default.

If the user specified a number of samples, N, and a number of nondeterministic variables, M, variance-based decomposition requires the evaluation of N∗(M+2) samples. **Note that specifying this keyword will increase the number of function evaluations above the number requested with the `samples` keyword since replicated sets of sample values are evaluated.**

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects and total effects will be reported. Main effects (roughly) represent the percent contribution of each individual variable to the variance in the model response. Total effects represent the percent contribution of each individual variable in combination with all other variables to the variance in the model response

Usage Tips

To obtain sensitivity indices that are reasonably accurate, we recommend that N, the number of samples, be at least one hundred and preferably several hundred or thousands.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : "The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input."

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[73] and[87].

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior

By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.

Usage Tips

For `polynomial_chaos`, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the `univariate_effects` may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

fixed_seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- fixed_seed

Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: not fixed; pattern varies run-to-run

Description

The `fixed_seed` flag is relevant if multiple sampling sets will be generated over the coarse of a Dakota analysis. This occurs when using advance methods (e.g., surrogate-based optimization, optimization under uncertainty). The same seed value is reused for each of these multiple sampling sets, which can be important for reducing variability in the sampling results.

Default Behavior

The default behavior is to not use a fixed seed, as the repetition of the same sampling pattern can result in a modeling weakness that an optimizer could potentially exploit (resulting in actual reliabilities that are lower than the estimated reliabilities). For repeatable studies, the `seed` must also be specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    fixed_seed
```

symbols

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- symbols

Number of replications in the sample set

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: default for sampling algorithm

Description

`symbols` is related to the number of levels per variable in the sample set (a larger number of symbols equates to more stratification and fewer replications). For example, if symbols = 7, each variable would be divided into seven levels.

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The `samples` keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For `variance_based_decomp`, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for `variance_based_decomp`, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- dace
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.59 fsu_cvt

- Keywords Area

- method
- fsu_cvt

Design of Computer Experiments - Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace
- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		latinize	Adjust samples to improve the discrepancy of the marginal distributions
	Optional		quality_metrics	Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples
	Optional		variance_based_-decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

	Optional	fixed_seed	Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets
	Optional	trial_type	Specify how the trial samples are generated
	Optional	num_trials	The number of secondary sample points generated to adjust the location of the primary sample points
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The FSU Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation method (`fsu_cvt`) produces a set of sample points that are (approximately) a Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation. The primary feature of such a set of points is that they have good volumetric spacing; the points tend to arrange themselves in a pattern of cells that are roughly the same shape.

To produce this set of points, an almost arbitrary set of initial points is chosen, and then an internal set of iterations is carried out. These iterations repeatedly replace the current set of sample points by an estimate of the centroids of the corresponding Voronoi subregions. [18].

The user may generally ignore the details of this internal iteration. If control is desired, however, there are a few variables with which the user can influence the iteration. The user may specify:

- max_iterations, the number of iterations carried out
- num_trials, the number of secondary sample points generated to adjust the location of the primary sample points
- trial_type, which controls how these secondary sample points are generated

This method generates sets of uniform random variables on the interval [0,1]. If the user specifies lower and upper bounds for a variable, the [0,1] samples are mapped to the [lower, upper] interval.

Theory

This method is designed to generate samples with the goal of low discrepancy. Discrepancy refers to the nonuniformity of the sample points within the hypercube.

Discrepancy is defined as the difference between the actual number and the expected number of points one would expect in a particular set B (such as a hyper-rectangle within the unit hypercube), maximized over all such sets. Low discrepancy sequences tend to cover the unit hypercube reasonably uniformly.

Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation does very well volumetrically: it spaces the points fairly equally throughout the space, so that the points cover the region and are isotropically distributed with no directional bias in the point placement. There are various measures of volumetric uniformity which take into account the distances between pairs of points, regularity measures, etc. Note that Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation does not produce low-discrepancy sequences in lower dimensions. The lower-dimension (such as 1-D) projections of Centroidal Voronoi Tessellation can have high discrepancy.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- dace
- fsu_quasi_mc
- psuade_moat

latinize

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- latinize

Adjust samples to improve the discrepancy of the marginal distributions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: No latinization

Description

The `latinize` control takes the samples and ”latinizes” them, meaning that each original sample is moved so that it falls into one strata or bin in each dimension as in Latin Hypercube sampling. The default setting is NOT to latinize. However, one may be interested in doing this in situations where one wants better discrepancy of the 1-dimensional projections (the marginal distributions).

quality_metrics

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- quality_metrics

Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No quality_metrics

Description

`quality_metrics` calculates four quality metrics relating to the volumetric spacing of the samples. The four quality metrics measure different aspects relating to the uniformity of point samples in hypercubes. Desirable properties of such point samples are:

- are the points equally spaced
- do the points cover the region
- and are they isotropically distributed
- with no directional bias in the spacing

The four quality metrics we report are:

- h: the point distribution norm, which is a measure of uniformity of the point distribution
- chi: a regularity measure, and provides a measure of local uniformity of a set of points
- tau: the second moment trace measure
- d: the second moment determinant measure

All of these values are scaled so that smaller is better (the smaller the metric, the better the uniformity of the point distribution).

Examples

Complete explanation of these measures can be found in [38].

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. These indicate how important the uncertainty in each input variable is in contributing to the output variance.

Default Behavior

Because of the computational cost, `variance_based_decomp` is turned off as a default.

If the user specified a number of samples, N, and a number of nondeterministic variables, M, variance-based decomposition requires the evaluation of N∗(M+2) samples. **Note that specifying this keyword will increase the number of function evaluations above the number requested with the `samples` keyword since replicated sets of sample values are evaluated.**

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects and total effects will be reported. Main effects (roughly) represent the percent contribution of each individual variable to the variance in the model response. Total effects represent the percent contribution of each individual variable in combination with all other variables to the variance in the model response

Usage Tips

To obtain sensitivity indices that are reasonably accurate, we recommend that N, the number of samples, be at least one hundred and preferably several hundred or thousands.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
```

```
samples = 100
variance_based_decomp
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : "The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input."

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[73] and[87].

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior

By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.

Usage Tips

For `polynomial_chaos`, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the `univariate_effects` may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

fixed_seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- fixed_seed

Reuses the same seed value for multiple random sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: not fixed; pattern varies run-to-run

Description

The `fixed_seed` flag is relevant if multiple sampling sets will be generated over the coarse of a Dakota analysis. This occurs when using advance methods (e.g., surrogate-based optimization, optimization under uncertainty). The same seed value is reused for each of these multiple sampling sets, which can be important for reducing variability in the sampling results.

Default Behavior

The default behavior is to not use a fixed seed, as the repetition of the same sampling pattern can result in a modeling weakness that an optimizer could potentially exploit (resulting in actual reliabilities that are lower than the estimated reliabilities). For repeatable studies, the `seed` must also be specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    fixed_seed
```

trial_type

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- trial_type

Specify how the trial samples are generated

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: random

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**trial type (Group 1)**	grid	Samples on a regular grid
			halton	Generate samples from a Halton sequence
			random	Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Description

The user has the option to specify the method by which the trials are created to adjust the centroids. The `trial_type` can be one of three types:

- `random`, where points are generated randomly
- `halton`, where points are generated according to the Halton sequence
- `grid`, where points are placed on a regular grid over the hyperspace.

grid

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- trial_type
- grid

Samples on a regular grid

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Points are placed on a regular grid over the hyperspace.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- trial_type

halton

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- trial_type
- halton

Generate samples from a Halton sequence

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The quasi-Monte Carlo sequences of Halton are deterministic sequences determined by a set of prime bases. These sequences generate random numbers with the goal of filling a unit hypercube uniformly.

Generally, we recommend that the user leave the default setting for the bases, which are the lowest primes. Thus, if one wants to generate a sample set for 3 random variables, the default bases used are 2, 3, and 5 in the Halton sequence. To give an example of how these sequences look, the Halton sequence in base 2 starts with points 0.5, 0.25, 0.75, 0.125, 0.625, etc. The first few points in a Halton base 3 sequence are 0.33333, 0.66667, 0.11111, 0.44444, 0.77777, etc. Notice that the Halton sequence tends to alternate back and forth, generating a point closer to zero then a point closer to one. An individual sequence is based on a radix inverse function defined on a prime base. The prime base determines how quickly the [0,1] interval is filled in.

Theory

For more information about these sequences, see[43], [44], and [1].

random

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- trial_type
- random

Uses purely random Monte Carlo sampling to sample variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `random` keyword invokes Monte Carlo sampling as the means of drawing samples of uncertain variables according to their probability distributions.

Default Behavior

Monte Carlo sampling is not used by default. To change this behavior, the `random` keyword must be specified in conjuction with the `sample_type` keyword.

Usage Tips

Monte Carlo sampling is more computationally expensive than Latin Hypercube Sampling as it requires a larger number of samples to accurately estimate statistics.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 200
```

num_trials

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- num_trials

The number of secondary sample points generated to adjust the location of the primary sample points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10000

Description

In general, the variable with the most influence on the quality of the final sample set is num_trials, which determines how well the Voronoi subregions are sampled.

Generally, num_trials should be ”large”, certainly much bigger than the number of sample points being requested; a reasonable value might be 10,000, but values of 100,000 or 1 million are not unusual.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also max_function_evaluations.

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: method-dependent

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_cvt
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
```

```
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.60 psuade_moat

- Keywords Area
- method
- psuade_moat

Morris One-at-a-Time

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_psuade
- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		partitions	Number of partitions of each variable
	Optional		samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

The Morris One-At-A-Time (MOAT) method, originally proposed by Morris [62], is a screening method, designed to explore a computational model to distinguish between input variables that have negligible, linear and additive, or nonlinear or interaction effects on the output. The computer experiments performed consist of individually randomized designs which vary one input factor at a time to create a sample of its elementary effects.

The number of samples (`samples`) must be a positive integer multiple of (number of continuous design variable + 1) and will be automatically adjusted if misspecified.

The number of partitions (`partitions`) applies to each variable being studied and must be odd (the number of MOAT levels per variable is partitions + 1). This will also be adjusted at runtime as necessary.

For information on practical use of this method, see [73].

Theory

With MOAT, each dimension of a $k-$dimensional input space is uniformly partitioned into p levels, creating a grid of p^k points $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R^k}$ at which evaluations of the model $y(\mathbf{x})$ might take place. An elementary effect corresponding to input i is computed by a forward difference

$$d_i(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{y(\mathbf{x} + \Delta \mathbf{e}_i) - y(\mathbf{x})}{\Delta},$$

where e_i is the i^{th} coordinate vector, and the step Δ is typically taken to be large (this is not intended to be a local derivative approximation). In the present implementation of MOAT, for an input variable scaled to $[0, 1]$, $\Delta = \frac{p}{2(p-1)}$, so the step used to find elementary effects is slightly larger than half the input range.

The distribution of elementary effects d_i over the input space characterizes the effect of input i on the output of interest. After generating r samples from this distribution, their mean,

$$\mu_i = \frac{1}{r} \sum_{j=1}^{r} d_i^{(j)}$$

modified mean

$$\mu_i^* = \frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r} |d_i^{(j)}|,$$

(using absolute value) and standard deviation

$$\sigma_i = \sqrt{\frac{1}{r}\sum_{j=1}^{r}\left(d_i^{(j)} - \mu_i\right)^2}$$

are computed for each input i. The mean and modified mean give an indication of the overall effect of an input on the output. Standard deviation indicates nonlinear effects or interactions, since it is an indicator of elementary effects varying throughout the input space.

partitions

- Keywords Area
- method
- psuade_moat
- partitions

Number of partitions of each variable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: 3

Description

Described on the parent page, psuade_moat

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- psuade_moat
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: method-dependent

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- psuade_moat
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- psuade_moat
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
```

```
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.61 local_evidence

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence

Evidence theory with evidence measures computed with local optimization methods

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- evidence_theory

Specification

Alias: nond_local_evidence

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	sqp	Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization
			nip	Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional		gen_reliability_-levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional		distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Two local optimization methods are available: `sqp` (sequential quadratic programming or `nip` (nonlinear interior point method).

Additional Resources

See the topic page evidence_theory for important background information and usage notes.

Refer to variable_support for information on supported variable types.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global_evidence
- global_interval_est
- local_interval_est

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- sqp

Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `sqp` keyword directs Dakota to use a sequential quadratic programming method to solve that problem. A sequential quadratic programming solves a sequence of linearly constrained quadratic optimization problems to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

nip

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- nip

Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `nip` keyword directs Dakota to use a nonlinear interior point to solve that problem. A nonlinear interior point method traverses the interior of the feasible region to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

	Optional	compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
```

```
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
```

```
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** probabilities	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

	Optional	system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The probabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the probabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
```

```
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
```

```
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	cumulative	Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- distribution

- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_evidence
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.62 local_interval_est

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_interval_est

Interval analysis using local optimization

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- epistemic_uncertainty_quantification_methods
- interval_estimation

Specification

Alias: nond_local_interval_est

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** sqp	**Dakota Keyword Description** Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization
			nip	Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Interval analysis using local methods (`local_interval_est`). If the problem is amenable to local optimization methods (e.g. can provide derivatives or use finite difference method to calculate derivatives), then one can use one of two local methods to calculate these bounds.

- `sqp`
- `nip`

Additional Resources

Refer to variable_support for information on supported variable types.

Theory

In interval analysis, one assumes that nothing is known about an epistemic uncertain variable except that its value lies somewhere within an interval. In this situation, it is NOT assumed that the value has a uniform probability of occuring within the interval. Instead, the interpretation is that any value within the interval is a possible value or a potential realization of that variable. In interval analysis, the uncertainty quantification problem is one of determining the resulting bounds on the output (defining the output interval) given interval bounds on the inputs. Again, any output response that falls within the output interval is a possible output with no frequency information assigned to it.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global_evidence
- global_interval_est
- local_evidence

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_interval_est
- sqp

Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `sqp` keyword directs Dakota to use a sequential quadratic programming method to solve that problem. A sequential quadratic programming solves a sequence of linearly constrained quadratic optimization problems to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

nip

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_interval_est
- nip

Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `nip` keyword directs Dakota to use a nonlinear interior point to solve that problem. A nonlinear interior point method traverses the interior of the feasible region to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_interval_est
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_interval_est
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.63 local_reliability

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability

Local reliability method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: nond_local_reliability

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		mpp_search	Specify which MPP search option to use
	Optional		response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		reliability_levels	Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated

	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Local reliability methods compute approximate response function distribution statistics based on specified uncertain variable probability distributions. Each of the local reliability methods can compute forward and inverse mappings involving response, probability, reliability, and generalized reliability levels.

The forward reliability analysis algorithm of computing reliabilities/probabilities for specified response levels is called the Reliability Index Approach (RIA), and the inverse reliability analysis algorithm of computing response levels for specified probability levels is called the Performance Measure Approach (PMA).

The different RIA/PMA algorithm options are specified using the `mpp_search` specification which selects among different limit state approximations that can be used to reduce computational expense during the MPP searches.

Theory

The Mean Value method (MV, also known as MVFOSM in [42]) is the simplest, least-expensive method in that it estimates the response means, response standard deviations, and all CDF/CCDF forward/inverse mappings from a single evaluation of response functions and gradients at the uncertain variable means. This approximation can

have acceptable accuracy when the response functions are nearly linear and their distributions are approximately Gaussian, but can have poor accuracy in other situations.

All other reliability methods perform an internal nonlinear optimization to compute a most probable point (MPP) of failure. A sign convention and the distance of the MPP from the origin in the transformed standard normal space ("u-space") define the reliability index, as explained in the section on Reliability Methods in the Uncertainty Quantification chapter of the Users Manual [4]. Also refer to variable_support for additional information on supported variable types for transformations to standard normal space. The reliability can then be converted to a probability using either first- or second-order integration, may then be refined using importance sampling, and finally may be converted to a generalized reliability index.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- gpais
- global_reliability
- sampling
- importance_sampling
- polynomial_chaos
- stoch_collocation

mpp_search

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search

Specify which MPP search option to use

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No MPP search (MV method)

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	x_taylor_mean	Form Taylor series approximation in ”x-space” at variable means
			u_taylor_mean	Form Taylor series approximation in ”u-space” at variable means
			x_taylor_mpp	X-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates
			u_taylor_mpp	U-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates
			x_two_point	Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in ”x-space”
			u_two_point	Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in ”u-space”
			no_approx	Perform MPP search on original response functions (use no approximation)

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	sqp	Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization
			nip	Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization
	Optional		integration	Integration approach

Description

The x_taylor_mean MPP search option performs a single Taylor series approximation in the space of the original uncertain variables ("x-space") centered at the uncertain variable means, searches for the MPP for each response/probability level using this approximation, and performs a validation response evaluation at each predicted MPP. This option is commonly known as the Advanced Mean Value (AMV) method. The u_taylor_mean option is identical to the x_taylor_mean option, except that the approximation is performed in u-space. The x_taylor_mpp approach starts with an x-space Taylor series at the uncertain variable means, but iteratively updates the Taylor series approximation at each MPP prediction until the MPP converges. This option is commonly known as the AMV+ method. The u_taylor_mpp option is identical to the x_taylor_mpp option, except that all approximations are performed in u-space. The order of the Taylor-series approximation is determined by the corresponding responses specification and may be first or second-order. If second-order (methods named AMV^2 and AMV^2+ in [22]), the series may employ analytic, finite difference, or quasi Hessians (BFGS or SR1). The x_two_point MPP search option uses an x-space Taylor series approximation at the uncertain variable means for the initial MPP prediction, then utilizes the Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation (TANA) outlined in[91] for all subsequent MPP predictions. The u_two_point approach is identical to x_two_point, but all the approximations are performed in u-space. The x_taylor_mpp and u_taylor_mpp, x_two_point and u_two_point approaches utilize the max_iterations and convergence_tolerance method independent controls to control the convergence of the MPP iterations (the maximum number of MPP iterations per level is limited by max_iterations, and the MPP iterations are considered converged when $\| \mathbf{u}^{(k+1)} - \mathbf{u}^{(k)} \|_2 <$ convergence_tolerance). And, finally, the no_approx option performs the MPP search on the original response functions without the use of any approximations. The optimization algorithm used to perform these MPP searches can be selected to be either sequential quadratic programming (uses the npsol_sqp optimizer) or nonlinear interior point (uses the optpp_q_newton optimizer) algorithms using the sqp or nip keywords.

In addition to the MPP search specifications, one may select among different integration approaches for computing probabilities at the MPP by using the integration keyword followed by either first_order or second_order. Second-order integration employs the formulation of[50] (the approach of[13] and the correction of[51] are also implemented, but are not active). Combining the no_approx option of the MPP search with first- and second-order integrations results in the traditional first- and second-order reliability methods (FORM and SORM). These integration approximations may be subsequently refined using importance sampling. The refinement specification allows the seletion of basic importance sampling (import), adaptive importance sampling (adapt_import), or multimodal adaptive importance sampling (mm_adapt_import), along with the specification of number of samples (samples) and random seed (seed). Additional details on these methods are available in[24] and[22] and in the Uncertainty Quantification Capabilities chapter of the Users Manual

[4].

x_taylor_mean

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- x_taylor_mean

Form Taylor series approximation in ”x-space” at variable means

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option performs a single Taylor series approximation in the space of the original uncertain variables (”x-space”) centered at the uncertain variable means, searches for the MPP for each response/probability level using this approximation, and performs a validation response evaluation at each predicted MPP. This option is commonly known as the Advanced Mean Value (AMV) method.

u_taylor_mean

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- u_taylor_mean

Form Taylor series approximation in ”u-space” at variable means

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option performs a single Taylor series approximation in the transformed space of the uncertain variables (”u-space”) centered at the uncertain variable means. This option is commonly known as the Advanced Mean Value (AMV) method, but is performed in u-space instead of x-space.

x_taylor_mpp

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- x_taylor_mpp

X-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option starts with an x-space Taylor series at the uncertain variable means, but iteratively updates the Taylor series approximation at each MPP prediction until the MPP converges. This option is commonly known as the AMV+ method.

u_taylor_mpp

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- u_taylor_mpp

U-space Taylor series approximation with iterative updates

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option starts with a u-space Taylor series at the uncertain variable means, and iteratively updates the Taylor series approximation at each MPP prediction until the MPP converges. This option is commonly known as the AMV+ method and is identify to x_taylor_mpp except that it is performed in u-space.

x_two_point

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- x_two_point

Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in "x-space"

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option uses an x-space Taylor series approximation at the uncertain variable means for the initial MPP prediction, then utilizes the Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation (TANA) outlined in [Xu98 "Xu and Grandhi, 1998"] for all subsequent MPP predictions.

u_two_point

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- u_two_point

Predict MPP using Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation in "u-space"

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option is identical to `x_two_point`, but it performs the Two-point Adaptive Nonlinear Approximation (TANA) in u-space instead of x-space.

no_approx

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- no_approx

Perform MPP search on original response functions (use no approximation)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This mpp_search option performs the MPP search on the original response functions without the use of any approximations. Note that the use of the no_approx MPP search with first-order probability integration results in the traditional reliability method called FORM (First-Order Reliability Method). Similarly, the use of no_approx with second-order probability integration results in SORM (Second-Order Reliability Method).

sqp

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- sqp

Uses a sequential quadratic programming method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: sqp

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `sqp` keyword directs Dakota to use a sequential quadratic programming method to solve that problem. A sequential quadratic programming solves a sequence of linearly constrained quadratic optimization problems to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

nip

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- nip

Uses a nonlinear interior point method for underlying optimization

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: sqp

Description

Many uncertainty quantification methods solve a constrained optimization problem under the hood. The `nip` keyword directs Dakota to use a nonlinear interior point to solve that problem. A nonlinear interior point method traverses the interior of the feasible region to arrive at the solution to the optimization problem.

integration

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration

Integration approach

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: First-order integration

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	first_order	First-order integration scheme
			second_order	Second-order integration scheme
	Optional		probability_-refinement	Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling

Description

This keyword controls how the probabilities at the MPP are computed: integration is followed by either first_order or second_order, indicating the order of the probability integration.

first_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- first_order

First-order integration scheme

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

First-order integration in local reliability methods uses the minimum Euclidean distance from the origin to the most probable point (MPP) in transformed space to compute the probability of failure. This distance, commonly called the reliability index Beta, is used to calculate the probability of failure by calculating the standard normal cumulative distribution function at -Beta.

second_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- second_order

Second-order integration scheme

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Second-order integration in local reliability methods modifies the first-order integration approach to apply a curvature correction. This correction is based on the formulation of [Hoh88 "Hohenbichler and Rackwitz, 1988"].

probability_refinement

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- probability_refinement

Allow refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: sample_refinement
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	import	Sampling option
			adapt_import	Importance sampling option
			mm_adapt_import	Sampling option
	Optional		refinement_samples	Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

	Optional	seed	Seed of the random number generator

Description

The `probability_refinement` allows refinement of probability and generalized reliability results using importance sampling. If one specifies `probability_refinement`, there are some additional options. One can specify which type of importance sampling to use (`import`, `adapt_import`, or `mm_adapt_import`). Additionally, one can specify the number of refinement samples to use with `refinement_samples` and the seed to use with `seed`.

The `probability_refinement` density reweighting accounts originally was developed based on Gaussian distributions. It now accounts for additional non-Gaussian cases.

import

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- probability_refinement
- import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

`import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level).

adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration

- probability_refinement
- adapt_import

Importance sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`adapt_import` centers a sampling density at one of the initial LHS samples identified in the failure region. It then generates the importance samples, weights them by their probability of occurence given the original density, and calculates the required probability (CDF or CCDF level). This continues iteratively until the failure probability estimate converges.

mm_adapt_import

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- probability_refinement
- mm_adapt_import

Sampling option

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

`mm_adapt_import` starts with all of the samples located in the failure region to build a multimodal sampling density. First, it uses a small number of samples around each of the initial samples in the failure region. Note that these samples are allocated to the different points based on their relative probabilities of occurrence: more probable points get more samples. This early part of the approach is done to search for ”representative” points. Once these are located, the multimodal sampling density is set and then `mm_adapt_import` proceeds similarly to `adapt_import` (sample until convergence).

refinement_samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- probability_refinement
- refinement_samples

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Specify the number of samples used to improve a probabilty estimate. If using uni-modal sampling all samples are assigned to the sampling center. If using multi-modal sampling the samples are split between mutiple samples according to some internally computed weights.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- mpp_search
- integration
- probability_refinement
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random `seed` control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If `seed` is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without `seed` specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

	Optional	compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The response_levels specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If response_levels are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If response_levels are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the probability_levels and/or response_levels in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
```

```
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
```

```
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The `num_response_levels` keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If `num_response_levels` is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** probabilities	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			reliabilities	Computes reliabilities associated with response levels

			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- reliabilities

Computes reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The gen_reliabilities keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If response_levels is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the gen_reliabilities keyword should be specified in conjunction with the compute keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	series	Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- reliability_levels

Specify reliability levels at which the response values will be estimated

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_reliability_-levels	Specify which `reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF reliabilities by projecting out the prescribed number of sample standard deviations from the sample mean.

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- reliability_levels
- num_reliability_levels

Specify which `reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword cumulative	Dakota Keyword Description Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
```

```
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06
```

```
Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- local_reliability
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.64 global_reliability

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability

Global reliability methods

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- uncertainty_quantification
- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: nond_global_reliability

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	x_gaussian_process	Create GP surrogate in x-space
			u_gaussian_process	Create GP surrogate in u-space
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates
			dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate
	Optional		import_build_points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models
	Optional		seed	Seed of the random number generator

	Optional	rng	Selection of a random number generator
	Optional	response_levels	Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	convergence_tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional	distribution	Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions
	Optional	probability_levels	Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	gen_reliability_levels	Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

These methods do not support forward/inverse mappings involving `reliability_levels`, since they never form a reliability index based on distance in u-space. Rather they use a Gaussian process model to form an approximation to the limit state (based either in x-space via the `x_gaussian_process` specification or in u-space via the `u_gaussian_process` specification), followed by probability estimation based on multimodal adaptive importance sampling (see [11]) and [12]). These probability estimates may then be transformed into generalized reliability levels if desired. At this time, inverse reliability analysis (mapping probability or generalized reliability levels into response levels) is not implemented.

The Gaussian process model approximation to the limit state is formed over the aleatory uncertain variables by default, but may be extended to also capture the effect of design, epistemic uncertain, and state variables. If this is desired, one must use the appropriate controls to specify the active variables in the variables specification block. Refer to variable_support for additional information on supported variable types.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- adaptive_sampling
- gpais
- local_reliability
- sampling
- importance_sampling
- polynomial_chaos
- stoch_collocation

x_gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- x_gaussian_process

Create GP surrogate in x-space

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: x_kriging
Argument(s): none

u_gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- u_gaussian_process

Create GP surrogate in u-space

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- reliability_methods

Specification

Alias: u_kriging
Argument(s): none

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here ”inexpensive” means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **tabular format (Group 1)**	**Dakota Keyword** annotated	**Dakota Keyword Description** Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The import_build_points_file allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips

Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no eval_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no interface_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: use function values only

Description

The use_derivatives flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

seed

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- seed

Seed of the random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: system-generated (non-repeatable)

Description

The random seed control provides a mechanism for making a stochastic method repeatable. That is, the use of the same random seed in identical studies will generate identical results.

Default Behavior

If not specified, the seed is randomly generated.

Expected Output

If seed is specified, a stochastic study will generate identical results when repeated using the same seed value. Otherwise, results are not guaranteed to be the same.

Usage Tips

If a stochastic study was run without seed specified, and the user later wishes to repeat the study using the same seed, the value of the seed used in the original study can be found in the output Dakota prints to the screen. That value can then be added to the Dakota input file.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 15347
```

rng

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability

- rng

Selection of a random number generator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Mersenne twister (mt19937)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** mt19937	**Dakota Keyword Description** Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister
			rnum2	Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Description

The `rng` keyword is used to indicate a choice of random number generator.

Default Behavior

If specified, the `rng` keyword must be accompanied by either `rnum2` (pseudo-random numbers) or `mt19937` (random numbers generated by the Mersenne twister). Otherwise, `mt19937`, the Mersenne twister is used by default.

Usage Tips

The default is recommended, as the Mersenne twister is a higher quality random number generator.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

mt19937

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- rng
- mt19937

Generates random numbers using the Mersenne twister

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `mt19937` keyword directs Dakota to use the Mersenne twister to generate random numbers. Additional information can be found on wikipedia: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mersenne_twister.

Default Behavior

`mt19937` is the default random number generator. To specify it explicitly in the Dakota input file, however, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng mt19937
```

rnum2

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- rng
- rnum2

Generates pseudo-random numbers using the Pecos package

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `rnum2` keyword directs Dakota to use pseudo-random numbers generated by the Pecos package.

Default Behavior

`rnum2` is not used by default. To change this behavior, it must be specified in conjuction with the `rng` keyword.

Usage Tips

Use of the Mersenne twister random number generator (`mt19937`) is recommended over `rnum2`.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765
    rng rnum2
```

response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels

Values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF probabilities/reliabilities to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_response_-levels	Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response
	Optional		compute	Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Description

The `response_levels` specification provides the target response values for which to compute probabilities, reliabilities, or generalized reliabilities (forward mapping).

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` are not specified, no statistics will be computed. If they are, probabilities will be computed by default.

Expected Outputs

If `response_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or

spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Usage Tips

The num_response_levels is used to specify which arguments of the response_level correspond to which response.

Examples

For example, specifying a response_level of 52.3 followed with compute probabilities will result in the calculation of the probability that the response value is less than or equal to 52.3, given the uncertain distributions on the inputs.

For an example with multiple responses, the following specification

```
response_levels = 1. 2. .1 .2 .3 .4 10. 20. 30.
  num_response_levels = 2 4 3
```

would assign the first two response levels (1., 2.) to response function 1, the next four response levels (.1, .2, .3, .4) to response function 2, and the final three response levels (10., 20., 30.) to response function 3. If the num_response_levels key were omitted from this example, then the response levels would be evenly distributed among the response functions (three levels each in this case).

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with response levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'
```

```
responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values specified in the input file. The probability levels corresponding to those response values are shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.6000000000e+11   5.3601733194e-12
   3.6000000000e+11   4.0000000000e+11   4.2500000000e-12
   4.0000000000e+11   4.4000000000e+11   3.7500000000e-12
   4.4000000000e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.2557612778e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   6.0000000000e+04   2.8742313192e-05
   6.0000000000e+04   6.5000000000e+04   6.4000000000e-05
   6.5000000000e+04   7.0000000000e+04   4.0000000000e-05
   7.0000000000e+04   7.8702465755e+04   1.0341896485e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.5000000000e+05   4.2844660868e-06
   3.5000000000e+05   4.0000000000e+05   8.6000000000e-06
   4.0000000000e+05   4.5000000000e+05   1.8000000000e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.6000000000e+11   5.5000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+11   3.8000000000e-01
   4.4000000000e+11   2.3000000000e-01
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   6.0000000000e+04   6.1000000000e-01
   6.5000000000e+04   2.9000000000e-01
   7.0000000000e+04   9.0000000000e-02
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   3.5000000000e+05   5.2000000000e-01
   4.0000000000e+05   9.0000000000e-02
   4.5000000000e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

A forward mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility probability level for a specified response level.

num_response_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- num_response_levels

Number of values at which to estimate desired statistics for each response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: response_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

The num_response_levels keyword allows the user to specify the number of response values, for each response, at which estimated statistics are of interest. Statistics that can be computed are probabilities and reliabilities, both according to either a cumulative distribution function or a complementary cumulative distribution function.

Default Behavior

If num_response_levels is not specified, the response_levels will be evenly distributed among the responses.

Expected Outputs

The specific output will be determined by the type of statistics that are specified. In a general sense, the output will be a list of response level-statistic pairs that show the estimated value of the desired statistic for each response level specified.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    samples = 100
    seed = 34785
    num_response_levels = 1 1 1
    response_levels = 0.5 0.5 0.5
```

compute

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute

Selection of statistics to compute at each response level

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: probabilities

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	probabilities	Computes probabilities associated with response levels
			gen_reliabilities	Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels
	Optional		system	Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Description

The `compute` keyword is used to select which forward stastical mapping is calculated at each response level.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is not specified, no statistics are computed. If `response_levels` is specified but `compute` is not, probabilities will be computed by default. If both `response_levels` and `compute` are specified, then on of the following must be specified: `probabilities`, `reliabilities`, or `gen_reliabilities`.

Expected Output

The type of statistics specified by `compute` will be reported for each response level.

Usage Tips

CDF/CCDF probabilities are calculated for specified response levels using a simple binning approach.

CDF/CCDF reliabilities are calculated for specified response levels by computing the number of sample standard deviations separating the sample mean from the response level.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute reliabilities
```

probabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- probabilities

Computes probabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `probabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute the probability that the model response will be below (cumulative) or above (complementary cumulative) a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the probabilities are computed by default. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, though, the `probabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-probability pairs that give the probability that the model response will be below or above the corresponding response level, depending on the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute probabilities
```

gen_reliabilities

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute

- gen_reliabilities

Computes generalized reliabilities associated with response levels

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The `gen_reliabilities` keyword directs Dakota to compute generalized reliabilities according to the specified distribution for a specified response value. This is done for every response level designated for each response.

Default Behavior

If `response_levels` is specified, the generalized reliabilities are not computed by default. To change this behavior, the `gen_reliabilities` keyword should be specified in conjunction with the `compute` keyword.

Expected Outputs

The Dakota output is a set of response level-generalized reliability pairs according to the distribution defined.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type random
    samples = 100 seed = 1
    complementary distribution
    response_levels = 3.6e+11 4.0e+11 4.4e+11
                      6.0e+04 6.5e+04 7.0e+04
                      3.5e+05 4.0e+05 4.5e+05
    compute gen_reliabilities
```

system

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system

Compute system reliability (series or parallel)

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** series	**Dakota Keyword Description** Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system
			parallel	Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Description

With the system probability/reliability option, statistics for specified `response_levels` are calculated and reported assuming the response functions combine either in series or parallel to produce a total system response.

For a series system, the system fails when any one component (response) fails. The probability of failure is the complement of the product of the individual response success probabilities.

For a parallel system, the system fails only when all components (responses) fail. The probability of failure is the product of the individual response failure probabilities.

series

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- series

Aggregate response statistics assuming a series system

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

parallel

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- response_levels
- compute
- system
- parallel

Aggregate response statistics assuming a parallel system

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent keyword `system` for description.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The `convergence_tolerance` specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of `convergence_tolerance` approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., `convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6` will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

distribution

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- distribution

Selection of cumulative or complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: cumulative (CDF)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** cumulative	**Dakota Keyword Description** Computes statistics according to cumulative functions
			complementary	Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Description

The `distribution` keyword allows the user to select between a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function and a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. This choice affects how probabilities and reliability indices are reported.

Default Behavior

If the `distribution` keyword is present, it must be accompanied by either `cumulative` or `complementary`. Otherwise, a cumulative distribution will be used by default.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to the choice of distribution. The choice of distribution also defines the sign of the reliability or generalized reliability indices.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

cumulative

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- distribution
- cumulative

Computes statistics according to cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will be used. To explicitly specify it in the Dakota input file, however, the `cumulative` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls below given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution cumulative
```

complementary

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- distribution
- complementary

Computes statistics according to complementary cumulative functions

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Statistics on model responses will be computed according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function.

Default Behavior

By default, a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function will not be used. To change that behavior, the `complementary` keyword must be appear in conjunction with the `distribution` keyword.

Expected Outputs

Output will be a set of model response-probability pairs determined according to a complementary cumulative distribution/belief/plausibility function. The probabilities reported are the probabilities that the model response falls above given response threshholds.

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 10
    distribution complementary
```

probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- probability_levels

Specify probability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_probability_-levels	Specify which `probability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified CDF/CCDF probabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Expected Output

If `probability_levels` are specified, Dakota will create two tables in the standard output: a Probability Density function (PDF) histogram and a Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF) table. The PDF histogram has the lower and upper endpoints of each bin and the corresponding density of that bin. Note that the PDF histogram has bins defined by the `probability_levels` and/or `response_levels` in the Dakota input file. If there are not very many levels, the histogram will be coarse. Dakota does not do anything to optimize the bin size or spacing. The CDF table has the list of response levels and the corresponding probability that the response value is less than or equal to each response level threshold.

Examples

The Dakota input file below specifies a sampling method with probability levels of interest.

```
method,
        sampling,
      samples = 100 seed = 1
      complementary distribution
      probability_levels =  1. .66 .33  0.
                1. .8  .5   0.
                1. .3  .2   0.

variables,
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means             =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations    =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors       =  'TF1n'  'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds      =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds      =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors       =  'TF1u'  'TF2u'
    weibull_uncertain = 2
      alphas            =   12.,    30.
      betas             =  250.,   590.
      descriptors       =  'TF1w'  'TF2w'
    histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
      num_pairs   =  3         4
      abscissas   =  5  8 10  .1  .2  .3  .4
      counts      = 17 21  0  12  24  12   0
      descriptors = 'TF1h'  'TF2h'
    histogram_point_uncertain
      real = 1
        num_pairs   =   2
        abscissas   = 3 4
        counts      = 1 1
        descriptors = 'TF3h'

interface,
    system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
      analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses,
    response_functions = 3
    no_gradients
    no_hessians
```

Given the above Dakota input file, the following excerpt from the output shows the PDF and CCDF generated. Note that the bounds on the bins of the PDF are the response values that correspond the probability levels specified in the input file. Those response values are also shown in the CCDF.

```
Probability Density Function (PDF) histograms for each response function:
PDF for response_fn_1:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.7604749078e+11   3.4221494996e+11   5.1384774972e-12
   3.4221494996e+11   4.0634975300e+11   5.1454122311e-12
   4.0634975300e+11   5.4196114379e+11   2.4334239039e-12
PDF for response_fn_2:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   4.6431154744e+04   5.6511827775e+04   1.9839945149e-05
   5.6511827775e+04   6.1603813790e+04   5.8916108390e-05
   6.1603813790e+04   7.8702465755e+04   2.9242071306e-05
PDF for response_fn_3:
          Bin Lower          Bin Upper      Density Value
          ---------          ---------      -------------
   2.3796737090e+05   3.6997214153e+05   5.3028386523e-06
   3.6997214153e+05   3.8100966235e+05   9.0600055634e-06
   3.8100966235e+05   4.4111498127e+05   3.3274925348e-06

Level mappings for each response function:
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_1:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.7604749078e+11   1.0000000000e+00
   3.4221494996e+11   6.6000000000e-01
   4.0634975300e+11   3.3000000000e-01
   5.4196114379e+11   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_2:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   4.6431154744e+04   1.0000000000e+00
   5.6511827775e+04   8.0000000000e-01
   6.1603813790e+04   5.0000000000e-01
   7.8702465755e+04   0.0000000000e+00
Complementary Cumulative Distribution Function (CCDF) for response_fn_3:
     Response Level  Probability Level  Reliability Index  General Rel Index
     --------------  -----------------  -----------------  -----------------
   2.3796737090e+05   1.0000000000e+00
   3.6997214153e+05   3.0000000000e-01
   3.8100966235e+05   2.0000000000e-01
   4.4111498127e+05   0.0000000000e+00
```

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_probability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- probability_levels
- num_probability_levels

Specify which `probability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: probability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- gen_reliability_levels

Specify generalized relability levels at which to estimate the corresponding response value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: No CDF/CCDF response levels to compute

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_gen_-reliability_levels	Specify which `gen_-reliability_-levels` correspond to which response

Description

Response levels are calculated for specified generalized reliabilities by indexing into a sorted samples array (the response levels computed are not interpolated and will correspond to one of the sampled values).

Theory

Sets of response-probability pairs computed with the forward/inverse mappings define either a cumulative distribution function (CDF) or a complementary cumulative distribution function (CCDF) for each response function.

In the case of evidence-based epistemic methods, this is generalized to define either cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CBF and CPF) or complementary cumulative belief and plausibility functions (CCBF and CCPF) for each response function.

An inverse mapping involves computing the belief and plausibility response level for either a specified probability level or a specified generalized reliability level (two results for each level mapping in the evidence-based epistemic case, instead of the one result for each level mapping in the aleatory case).

num_gen_reliability_levels

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- gen_reliability_levels
- num_gen_reliability_levels

Specify which `gen_reliability_levels` correspond to which response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: gen_reliability_levels evenly distributed among response functions

Description

See parent page

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- global_reliability
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.65 fsu_quasi_mc

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc

Design of Computer Experiments - Quasi-Monte Carlo sampling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace
- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**sequence type (Group 1)**	halton	Generate samples from a Halton sequence
			hammersley	Use Hammersley sequences
	Optional		latinize	Adjust samples to improve the discrepancy of the marginal distributions

	Optional	quality_metrics	Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples
	Optional	variance_based_decomp	Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables
	Optional	samples	Number of samples for sampling-based methods
	Optional	fixed_sequence	Reuse the same sequence and samples for multiple sampling sets
	Optional	sequence_start	Choose where to start sampling the sequence
	Optional	sequence_leap	Specify how often the sequence is sampled
	Optional	prime_base	The prime numbers used to generate the sequence
	Optional	max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations
	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Quasi-Monte Carlo methods produce low discrepancy sequences, especially if one is interested in the uniformity of projections of the point sets onto lower dimensional faces of the hypercube (usually 1-D: how well do the marginal distributions approximate a uniform?)

This method generates sets of uniform random variables on the interval [0,1]. If the user specifies lower and upper bounds for a variable, the [0,1] samples are mapped to the [lower, upper] interval.

The user must first choose the sequence type:

- halton or
- hammersley

Then three keywords are used to define the sequence and how it is sampled:

- prime_base
- sequence_start
- sequence_leap

Each of these has defaults, so specification is optional.

Theory

The quasi-Monte Carlo sequences of Halton and Hammersley are deterministic sequences determined by a set of prime bases. Generally, we recommend that the user leave the default setting for the bases, which are the lowest primes. Thus, if one wants to generate a sample set for 3 random variables, the default bases used are 2, 3, and 5 in the Halton sequence. To give an example of how these sequences look, the Halton sequence in base 2 starts with points 0.5, 0.25, 0.75, 0.125, 0.625, etc. The first few points in a Halton base 3 sequence are 0.33333, 0.66667, 0.11111, 0.44444, 0.77777, etc. Notice that the Halton sequence tends to alternate back and forth, generating a point closer to zero then a point closer to one. An individual sequence is based on a radix inverse function defined on a prime base. The prime base determines how quickly the [0,1] interval is filled in. Generally, the lowest primes are recommended.

The Hammersley sequence is the same as the Halton sequence, except the values for the first random variable are equal to 1/N, where N is the number of samples. Thus, if one wants to generate a sample set of 100 samples for 3 random variables, the first random variable has values 1/100, 2/100, 3/100, etc. and the second and third variables are generated according to a Halton sequence with bases 2 and 3, respectively.

For more information about these sequences, see[43], [44], and [1].

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- dace
- fsu_cvt
- psuade_moat

halton

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- halton

Generate samples from a Halton sequence

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The quasi-Monte Carlo sequences of Halton are deterministic sequences determined by a set of prime bases. These sequences generate random numbers with the goal of filling a unit hypercube uniformly.

Generally, we recommend that the user leave the default setting for the bases, which are the lowest primes. Thus, if one wants to generate a sample set for 3 random variables, the default bases used are 2, 3, and 5 in the Halton sequence. To give an example of how these sequences look, the Halton sequence in base 2 starts with points 0.5, 0.25, 0.75, 0.125, 0.625, etc. The first few points in a Halton base 3 sequence are 0.33333, 0.66667, 0.11111, 0.44444, 0.77777, etc. Notice that the Halton sequence tends to alternate back and forth, generating a point closer to zero then a point closer to one. An individual sequence is based on a radix inverse function defined on a prime base. The prime base determines how quickly the [0,1] interval is filled in.

Theory

For more information about these sequences, see[43], [44], and [1].

hammersley

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- hammersley

Use Hammersley sequences

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace
- design_and_analysis_of_computer_experiments

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The Hammersley sequence is the same as the Halton sequence, except the values for the first random variable are equal to 1/N, where N is the number of samples. Thus, if one wants to generate a sample set of 100 samples for 3 random variables, the first random variable has values 1/100, 2/100, 3/100, etc. and the second and third variables are generated according to a Halton sequence with bases 2 and 3, respectively.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- fsu_quasi_mc

latinize

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- latinize

Adjust samples to improve the discrepancy of the marginal distributions

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No latinization

Description

The `latinize` control takes the samples and "latinizes" them, meaning that each original sample is moved so that it falls into one strata or bin in each dimension as in Latin Hypercube sampling. The default setting is NOT to latinize. However, one may be interested in doing this in situations where one wants better discrepancy of the 1-dimensional projections (the marginal distributions).

quality_metrics

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- quality_metrics

Calculate metrics to assess the quality of quasi-Monte Carlo samples

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- package_fsudace

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No quality_metrics

Description

`quality_metrics` calculates four quality metrics relating to the volumetric spacing of the samples. The four quality metrics measure different aspects relating to the uniformity of point samples in hypercubes. Desirable properties of such point samples are:

- are the points equally spaced
- do the points cover the region
- and are they isotropically distributed
- with no directional bias in the spacing

The four quality metrics we report are:

- h: the point distribution norm, which is a measure of uniformity of the point distribution
- chi: a regularity measure, and provides a measure of local uniformity of a set of points
- tau: the second moment trace measure
- d: the second moment determinant measure

All of these values are scaled so that smaller is better (the smaller the metric, the better the uniformity of the point distribution).

Examples

Complete explanation of these measures can be found in [38].

variance_based_decomp

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- variance_based_decomp

Activates global sensitivity analysis based on decomposition of response variance into contributions from variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no variance-based decomposition

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		drop_tolerance	Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Description

Dakota can calculate sensitivity indices through variance based decomposition using the keyword `variance_based_decomp`. These indicate how important the uncertainty in each input variable is in contributing to the output variance.

Default Behavior

Because of the computational cost, `variance_based_decomp` is turned off as a default.

If the user specified a number of samples, N, and a number of nondeterministic variables, M, variance-based decomposition requires the evaluation of N∗(M+2) samples. **Note that specifying this keyword will increase the number of function evaluations above the number requested with the `samples` keyword since replicated sets of sample values are evaluated.**

Expected Outputs

When `variance_based_decomp` is specified, sensitivity indices for main effects and total effects will be reported. Main effects (roughly) represent the percent contribution of each individual variable to the variance in the model response. Total effects represent the percent contribution of each individual variable in combination with all other variables to the variance in the model response

Usage Tips

To obtain sensitivity indices that are reasonably accurate, we recommend that N, the number of samples, be at least one hundred and preferably several hundred or thousands.

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
```

Theory

In this context, we take sensitivity analysis to be global, not local as when calculating derivatives of output variables with respect to input variables. Our definition is similar to that of[73] : ”The study of how uncertainty in the output of a model can be apportioned to different sources of uncertainty in the model input.”

Variance based decomposition is a way of using sets of samples to understand how the variance of the output behaves, with respect to each input variable. A larger value of the sensitivity index, S_i, means that the uncertainty in the input variable i has a larger effect on the variance of the output. More details on the calculations and interpretation of the sensitivity indices can be found in[73] and[87].

drop_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method

- fsu_quasi_mc
- variance_based_decomp
- drop_tolerance

Suppresses output of sensitivity indices with values lower than this tolerance

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: All VBD indices displayed

Description

The `drop_tolerance` keyword allows the user to specify a value below which sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are not displayed.

Default Behavior

By default, all sensitivity indices generated by `variance_based_decomp` are displayed.

Usage Tips

For `polynomial_chaos`, which outputs main, interaction, and total effects by default, the `univariate_effects` may be a more appropriate option. It allows suppression of the interaction effects since the output volume of these results can be prohibitive for high dimensional problems. Similar to suppression of these interactions is the covariance control, which can be selected to be diagonal_covariance or full_covariance, with the former supporting suppression of the off-diagonal covariance terms (to save compute and memory resources and reduce output volume).

Examples

```
method,
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 100
    variance_based_decomp
    drop_tolerance = 0.001
```

samples

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- samples

Number of samples for sampling-based methods

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0 (or min req for surrogate build)

Description

The samples keyword is used to define the number of samples (i.e., randomly chosen sets of variable values) at which to execute a model.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota will use the minimum number of samples required by the chosen method.

Usage Tips

To obtain linear sensitivities or to construct a linear response surface, at least dim+1 samples should be used, where "dim" is the number of variables. For sensitivities to quadratic terms or quadratic response surfaces, at least (dim+1)(dim+2)/2 samples are needed. For uncertainty quantification, we recommend at least 10∗dim samples. For variance_based_decomp, we recommend hundreds to thousands of samples. Note that for variance_based_decomp, the number of simulations performed will be N∗(dim+2).

Examples

```
method
  sampling
    sample_type lhs
    samples = 20
```

fixed_sequence

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- fixed_sequence

Reuse the same sequence and samples for multiple sampling sets

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: sequence not fixed: sampling patterns are variable among multiple QMC runs

Description

The fixed_sequence control is similar to fixed_seed for other sampling methods. If fixed_sequence is specified, the user will get the same sequence (meaning the same set of samples) for subsequent calls of the QMC sampling method (for example, this might be used in a surrogate based optimization method or a parameter study where one wants to fix the uncertain variables).

sequence_start

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- sequence_start

Choose where to start sampling the sequence

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: Vector of zeroes

Description

`sequence_start` determines where in the sequence the samples will start.

The default `sequence_start` is a vector with 0 for each variable, specifying that each sequence start with the first term.

Examples

For example, for the Halton sequence in base 2, if the user specifies sequence_start = 2, the sequence would not include 0.5 and 0.25, but instead would start at 0.75.

sequence_leap

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- sequence_leap

Specify how often the sequence is sampled

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: Vector of ones

Description

`sequence_leap` controls the ”leaping” of terms in the sequence. The default is 1 for each variable, meaning that each term in the sequence be returned.

Examples

If the user specifies a sequence_leap of 2 for a variable, the points returned would be every other term from the QMC sequence.

Theory

The advantage to using a leap value greater than one is mainly for high-dimensional sets of random deviates. In this case, setting a leap value to the next prime number larger than the largest prime base can help maintain uniformity when generating sample sets for high dimensions. For more information about the efficacy of leaped Halton sequences, see[71].

prime_base

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- prime_base

The prime numbers used to generate the sequence

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: Vector of the first s primes for s-dimensions in Halton, First (s-1) primes for Hammersley

Description

It is recommended that the user not specify this and use the default values.

- For the Halton sequence, the default bases are primes in increasing order, starting with 2, 3, 5, etc.
- For the Hammersley sequence, the user specifies (s-1) primes if one is generating an s-dimensional set of random variables.

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient-_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also `max_function_evaluations`.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- fsu_quasi_mc
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
```

```
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.66 vector_parameter_study

- Keywords Area
- method
- vector_parameter_study

Samples variables along a user-defined vector

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- parameter_studies

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	final_point	Final variable values defining vector in vector parameter study
			step_vector	Size of step for each variable
	Required		num_steps	Number of sampling steps along the vector in a vector parameter study
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Dakota's vector parameter study computes response data sets at selected intervals along a vector in parameter space. It is often used for single-coordinate parameter studies (to study the effect of a single variable on a response set), but it can be used more generally for multiple coordinate vector studies (to investigate the response variations along some n-dimensional vector such as an optimizer search direction).

Default Behavior

By default, the multidimensional parameter study operates over all types of variables.

Expected Outputs

A multidimensional parameter study produces a set of responses for each parameter set that is generated.

Usage Tips

Group 1 is used to define the vector along which the parameters are varied. Both cases also rely on the variables specification of an initial value, through:

- the initial_point keyword
- the initial_state keyword
- relying on the default initial value, based on the rest of the variables specification

From the initial value, the vector can be defined using one of the two keyword choices.

Once the vector is defined, the samples are then fully specifed by num_steps.

Examples

The following example is a good comparison to the examples on multidim_parameter_study and centered_parameter_study.

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'rosen_vector.dat'

method
  vector_parameter_study
    num_steps = 10
```

```
    final_point =    2.0      2.0
model
  single

variables
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point =   -2.0     -2.0
    descriptors =     'x1'     "x2"

interface
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- centered_parameter_study
- multidim_parameter_study
- list_parameter_study

final_point

- Keywords Area
- method
- vector_parameter_study
- final_point

Final variable values defining vector in vector parameter study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `final_point` keyword is used to define the final values for each variable on the vector to be used in the vector parameter study. The vector's direction and magnitude are determined by the initial value from the variables specification, and the `final_point`.

Default Behavior

The user is required to specify either `final_point` or `step_vector`. There is no default definition for the vector.

Usage Tips

The actual points are determined based on this vector and the number of points chosen is given in `num_points`.

Examples

```
method
  vector_parameter_study
    num_steps = 10
    final_point =    2.0      2.0
```

step_vector

- Keywords Area
- method
- vector_parameter_study
- step_vector

Size of step for each variable

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `step_vector` keyword specifies how much each variable will be incremented in a single step.

`step_vector` works in conjunction with `num_steps`, which determines the number of steps taken during the `vector_parameter_study`. If instead of `step_vector`, `final_point` is specified with `num_steps`, Dakota will infer the step sizes.

Entries in the `step_vector` are the actual amounts by which continuous and range variables are incremented. For set variables, `step_vector` entries are interpreted as indexes into the underlying set.

Default Behavior

The user is required to specify either `final_point` or `step_vector`. There is no default definition for the vector.

Examples

```
variables
  continuous_design 1
    initial_point 1.0
    descriptors 'x1'
  discrete_design_set
    string 1
     elements 'bar' 'baz' 'foo' 'fuzz'
     initial_point 'bar'
     descriptors 's1'

method
  vector_parameter_study
    num_steps = 3
    # Add 2.0 to x1 and increment s1 by 1 element in each step
    step_vector =    2.0      1
```

num_steps

- Keywords Area
- method
- vector_parameter_study
- num_steps

Number of sampling steps along the vector in a vector parameter study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

`num_steps` defines the number of steps that are taken in the direction of the vector. The magnitude of each step is determined in conjuction with the rest of the method specification.

Default Behavior

The user is required to specify `num_steps` for a vector parameter study. There is no default value.

This study performs function evaluations at both ends, making the total number of evaluations equal to `num_steps+1`.

Usage Tips

The study has stringent requirements on performing appropriate steps with any discrete range and discrete set variables. A `num_steps` specification must result in discrete range and set index steps that are integers: no remainder is currently permitted in the integer step calculation and no rounding to integer steps will occur.

Examples

```
method
  vector_parameter_study
    num_steps = 10
    final_point =    2.0      2.0
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- vector_parameter_study
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'
```

```
interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.67 list_parameter_study

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study

Samples variables as a specified values

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- parameter_studies

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** list_of_points	**Dakota Keyword Description** List of variable values to evaluate in a list parameter study
			import_points_file	File containing list of variable values to evaluate in a list parameter study
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Dakota's list parameter study allows for evaluations at user selected points of interest.

Default Behavior

By default, the list parameter study operates over all types of variables.

The number of real values in the list_of_points specification or file referenced by import_points_file must be a multiple of the total number of variables (including continuous and discrete types) contained in the variables specification.

Expected Outputs

A list parameter study produces a set of responses for each parameter set that is specified.

Usage Tips

- This parameter study simply performs simulations for the first parameter set (the first n entries in the list), followed by the next parameter set (the next n entries), and so on, until the list of points has been exhausted.
- Since the initial values from the variables specification will not be used, they need not be specified.
- When the points are specified in the Dakota input file using the list_of_points keyword, discrete set values must be referred to using 0-based indexes, and not the values themselves. However, when using import_points_file, refer to discrete set values directly, not by index.
- For both list_of_points and import_points_file, Dakota expects the values for each evaluation to be ordered by type. The type ordering matches that of the variables section of this Reference Manual and of the listing in the Parameters file format section of the Dakota User's Manual[4]. When multiple variables are present for a single type, the ordering within that type must match the order specified by the user in the variables section of her input file.

Examples

This shows the method and variables block of a Dakota input file that runs a list_parameter_study.

```
method
  list_parameter_study
    list_of_points =
                  3.1e6    0.0029    0.31
                  3.2e6    0.0028    0.32
                  3.3e6    0.0027    0.34
                  3.3e6    0.0026    0.36

variables
  continuous_design = 3
    descriptors = 'E'    'MASS'     'DENSITY'
```

Note that because of the way Dakota treats whitespace, the above example is equivalent to:

```
method
  list_parameter_study
    list_of_points =
3.1e6    0.0029    0.31  3.2e6    0.0028
0.32    3.3e6    0.0027
0.34  3.3e6    0.0026    0.36

variables
  continuous_design = 3
    descriptors = 'E'  'MASS'   'DENSITY'
```

Although the first example is much more readable.

And here's a full input file:

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file 'List_param_study.dat'
```

```
method
  list_parameter_study
    list_of_points =     0.1    0.1
                         0.2    0.1
                         0.3    0.0
                         0.3    1.0

model
  single

variables
  active design
  continuous_design = 2
    descriptors    'x1' 'x2'
  continuous_state = 1
    descriptors =   'constant1'
    initial_state = 100

interface
  analysis_drivers 'text_book'
    fork
  asynchronous
    evaluation_concurrency 2

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

This example illustrates the list_parameter_study.

- The function evaluations are independent, so any level of `evaluation_concurrency` can be used
- Default behavior for parameter studies is to iterate on all variables. However, because `active design` is specified, this study will only iterate on the `continuous_design` variables.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- centered_parameter_study
- multidim_parameter_study
- vector_parameter_study

list_of_points

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- list_of_points

List of variable values to evaluate in a list parameter study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `list_of_points` keyword allows the user to specify, in a freeform format, a list of variable values at which to compute a model response.

Default Behavior

The user is required to provide a list of points for a list parameter study either by specifying it with `list_of_points` or by providing a file from which such a list can be read via `import_points_file`. There is no default list of points.

Usage Tips

The number of values in the list must be an integer multiple of the number of variables. Dakota will verify that this condition is met.

Examples

```
method
  list_parameter_study
    list_of_points =
                  3.1e6    0.0029    0.31
                  3.2e6    0.0028    0.32
                  3.3e6    0.0027    0.34
                  3.3e6    0.0026    0.36
```

import_points_file

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file

File containing list of variable values to evaluate in a list parameter study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular_format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format

			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_points_file` specifies a file containing a list of variable values at which to compute a model response.

Default Behavior

By default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

Examples

```
method
  list_parameter_study
    import_points_file = 'dakota_pstudy.3.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- import_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- list_parameter_study
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.68 centered_parameter_study

- Keywords Area
- method
- centered_parameter_study

Samples variables along points moving out from a center point

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- parameter_studies

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		step_vector	Size of steps to be taken in each dimension of a centered parameter study
	Required		steps_per_variable	Number of steps to take in each dimension of a centered parameter study
	Optional		model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Dakota's centered parameter study computes response data sets along multiple coordinate-based vectors, one per parameter, centered about the initial values from the variables specification. This is useful for investigation of function contours with respect to each parameter individually in the vicinity of a specific point (e.g., post-optimality analysis for verification of a minimum), thereby avoiding the cost associated with a multidimensional grid.

Default Behavior

By default, the centered parameter study operates over all types of variables.

The `centered_parameter_study` takes steps along each orthogonal dimension. Each dimension is treated independently. The number of steps are taken in each direction, so that the total number of points in the parameter study is $1 + 2\sum n$.

Expected Outputs

A centered parameter study produces a set of responses for each parameter set that is generated.

Examples

The following example is a good comparison to the examples on multidim_parameter_study and vector_parameter_study.

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501
environment
```

```
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'rosen_centered.dat'

method
  centered_parameter_study
    steps_per_variable = 5 4
    step_vector = 0.4 0.5

model
  single

variables
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point =   0        0
    descriptors =     'x1'     "x2"

interface
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- multidim_parameter_study
- list_parameter_study
- vector_parameter_study

step_vector

- Keywords Area
- method
- centered_parameter_study
- step_vector

Size of steps to be taken in each dimension of a centered parameter study

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `step_vector` keyword defines the individual step size in each dimension, treated separately.

Default Behavior

The user is required to define the number of step sizes for a centered parameter study. There are no default values.

Steps are taken in the plus and minus directions, and are defined in either actual values (continuous and discrete range) or index offsets (discrete set).

Examples

```
method
  centered_parameter_study
    steps_per_variable = 5 4
    step_vector = 0.4 0.5
```

steps_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- method
- centered_parameter_study
- steps_per_variable

Number of steps to take in each dimension of a centered parameter study

Specification

Alias: deltas_per_variable

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `steps_per_variable` keyword allows the user to define the number of steps in each dimesion of a centered parameter study. Because they are taken independently, the number of steps can be specified for each.

Default Behavior

The user is required to define the number of steps per variable for a centered parameter study. There are no default values.

Steps are taken in the plus and minus directions, and are defined in either actual values (continuous and discrete range) or index offsets (discrete set).

Examples

```
method
  centered_parameter_study
    steps_per_variable = 5 4
    step_vector = 0.4 0.5
```

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- centered_parameter_study

- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The `model_pointer` is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding `id_model` with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a `model_pointer` for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
```

```
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.2.69 multidim_parameter_study

- Keywords Area
- method
- multidim_parameter_study

Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- parameter_studies

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		partitions	Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Dakota's multidimensional parameter study computes response data sets for an n-dimensional grid of points. Each continuous and discrete range variable is partitioned into equally spaced intervals between its upper and lower bounds, each discrete set variable is partitioned into equally spaced index intervals. The partition boundaries in n-dimensional space define a grid of points, and every point is evaluated.

Default Behavior

By default, the multidimensional parameter study operates over all types of variables.

Expected Outputs

A multidimensional parameter study produces a set of responses for each parameter set that is generated.

Usage Tips

Since the initial values from the variables specification will not be used, they need not be specified.

Examples

This example is taken from the Users Manual and is a good comparison to the examples on centered_parameter_study and vector_parameter_study.

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'rosen_multidim.dat'

method
  multidim_parameter_study
    partitions = 10 8

model
  single

variables
  continuous_design = 2
    lower_bounds     -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds      2.0      2.0
    descriptors       'x1'     "x2"

interface
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

This example illustrates the full factorial combinations of parameter values created by the multidim_parameter_study. With 10 and 8 partitions, there are actually 11 and 9 values for each variable. This means that $11 \times 9 = 99$ function evaluations will be required.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- centered_parameter_study
- list_parameter_study
- vector_parameter_study

partitions

- Keywords Area
- method
- multidim_parameter_study
- partitions

Samples variables on full factorial grid of study points

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- parameter_studies

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Dakota's multidimensional parameter study computes response data sets for an n-dimensional grid of points. Each continuous and discrete range variable is partitioned into equally spaced intervals between its upper and lower bounds, each discrete set variable is partitioned into equally spaced index intervals. The partition boundaries in n-dimensional space define a grid of points, and every point is evaluated.

Default Behavior
By default, the multidimensional parameter study operates over all types of variables.
Expected Outputs
A multidimensional parameter study produces a set of responses for each parameter set that is generated.
Usage Tips
Since the initial values from the variables specification will not be used, they need not be specified.

Examples

This example is taken from the Users Manual and is a good comparison to the examples on centered_parameter_study and vector_parameter_study.

```
# tested on Dakota 6.0 on 140501
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'rosen_multidim.dat'

method
  multidim_parameter_study
    partitions = 10 8
```

```
model
  single

variables
  continuous_design = 2
    lower_bounds     -2.0     -2.0
    upper_bounds      2.0      2.0
    descriptors       'x1'     "x2"

interface
  analysis_driver = 'rosenbrock'
    fork

responses
  response_functions = 1
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

This example illustrates the full factorial combinations of parameter values created by the multidim_parameter_study. With 10 and 8 partitions, there are actually 11 and 9 values for each variable. This means that $11 \times 9 = 99$ function evaluations will be required.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- centered_parameter_study
- list_parameter_study
- vector_parameter_study

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- multidim_parameter_study
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
```

```
response_functions = 3
no_gradients
no_hessians
```

6.2.70 richardson_extrap

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap

Estimate order of convergence of a response as model fidelity increases

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	estimate_order	Compute the best estimate of the convergence order from three points
			converge_order	Refine until the estimated covergence order converges
			converge_qoi	Refine until the response converges
	Optional		refinement_rate	Rate at which the state variables are refined
	Optional		convergence_-tolerance	Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics
	Optional		max_iterations	Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

	Optional	model_pointer	Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Description

Solution verification procedures estimate the order of convergence of the simulation response data during the course of a refinement study. This branch of methods is new and currently only contains one algorithm: Richardson extrapolation.

Refinement of the model

The model fidelity must be parameterized by one or more continuous state variable(s).

The refinement path is determined from the `initial_state` of the `continuous_state` variables specification in combination with the `refinement_rate`, where each of the state variables is treated as an independent refinement factor and each of the initial state values is repeatedly divided by the refinement rate value to define new discretization states.

Results

Three algorithm options are currently provided:

1. `estimate_order`
2. `converge_order`
3. `converge_qoi`

Stopping Criteria

The method employs the `max_iterations` and `convergence_tolerance` method independent controls as stopping criteria.

Theory

In each of these cases, convergence order for a response quantity of interest (QoI) is estimated from

$$p = ln\left(\frac{QoI_3 - QoI_2}{QoI_2 - QoI_1}\right)/ln(r)$$

where r is the uniform refinement rate specified by `refinement_rate`.

estimate_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- estimate_order

Compute the best estimate of the convergence order from three points

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The estimate_order option is the simplest option. For each of the refinement factors, it evaluates three points along the refinement path and uses these results to perform an estimate of the convergence order for each response function.

converge_order

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- converge_order

Refine until the estimated covergence order converges

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The converge_order option is initialized using the estimate_order aproach, and additional refinements are performed along the refinement path until the convergence order estimates converge (two-norm of the change in response orders is less than the convergence tolerance).

converge_qoi

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- converge_qoi

Refine until the response converges

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The converge_qoi option is similar to the converge_order option, except that the convergence criterion is that the two-norm of the response discretization errors (computed from extrapolation) must be less than the convergence tolerance.

refinement_rate

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- refinement_rate

Rate at which the state variables are refined

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 2.

Description

Described on parent page

convergence_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- convergence_tolerance

Stopping criterion based on convergence of the objective function or statistics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 1.e-4

Description

The convergence_tolerance specification provides a real value for controlling the termination of iteration.

For optimization, it is most commonly a **relative convergence tolerance** for the objective function; i.e., if the change in the objective function between successive iterations divided by the previous objective function is less than the amount specified by convergence_tolerance, then this convergence criterion is satisfied on the current iteration.

Therefore, permissible values are between 0 and 1, non-inclusive.

Behavior Varies by Package/Library

This control is used with most optimization and least squares iterators (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NLSSOL, OPT++, and SCOLIB). Most other Dakota methods (such as DACE or parameter studies) do not use this control, but some adaptive methods, such as adaptive UQ, do.

Since no progress may be made on one iteration followed by significant progress on a subsequent iteration, some libraries require that the convergence tolerance be satisfied on two or more consecutive iterations prior to termination of iteration.

Notes on each library:

- DOT: must be satisfied for two consecutive iterations
- NPSOL: defines an internal optimality tolerance which is used in evaluating if an iterate satisfies the first-order Kuhn-Tucker conditions for a minimum. The magnitude of convergence_tolerance approximately specifies the number of significant digits of accuracy desired in the final objective function (e.g., convergence_tolerance = 1.e-6 will result in approximately six digits of accuracy in the final objective function).
- NL2SOL: See nl2sol

max_iterations

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- max_iterations

Stopping criterion based on number of iterations

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- method_independent_controls

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: 100 (exceptions: fsu_cvt , local_reliability: 25; global_{reliability , interval_est , evidence} / efficient_global: 25∗n)

Description

The maximum number of iterations (default: 100). See also max_function_evaluations.

model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- method
- richardson_extrap
- model_pointer

Identifier for model block to be used by a method

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: method use of last model parsed (or use of default model if none parsed)

Description

The model_pointer is used to specify which model block will be used to perform the function evaluations needed by the Dakota method.

Default Behavior

If not specified, a Dakota method will use the last model block parsed. If specified, there must be a model block in the Dakota input file that has a corresponding id_model with the same name.

Usage Tips

When doing advanced analyses that involve using multiple methods and multiple models, defining a model_pointer for each method is imperative.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Examples

```
environment
  tabular_graphics_data
  method_pointer = 'UQ'

method
  id_method = 'UQ'
  model_pointer = 'SURR'
  sampling,
    samples = 10
    seed = 98765 rng rnum2
    response_levels = 0.1 0.2 0.6
                      0.1 0.2 0.6
                            0.1 0.2 0.6
```

```
    sample_type lhs
    distribution cumulative

model
  id_model = 'SURR'
    surrogate global,
    dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
    polynomial quadratic

method
  id_method = 'DACE'
    model_pointer = 'DACE_M'
    sampling sample_type lhs
    samples = 121 seed = 5034 rng rnum2

model
  id_model = 'DACE_M'
  single
  interface_pointer = 'I1'

variables
  uniform_uncertain = 2
    lower_bounds =  0.   0.
    upper_bounds =  1.   1.
    descriptors  = 'x1' 'x2'

interface
  id_interface = 'I1'
  system asynch evaluation_concurrency = 5
    analysis_driver = 'text_book'

responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

6.3 model

- Keywords Area
- model

Specifies how variables are mapped into a set of responses

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		id_model	Give the model block an identifying name, in case of multiple model blocks
	Optional		variables_pointer	Specify which variables block will be included with this model block
	Optional		responses_pointer	Specify which reponses block will be used by this model block
	Optional		hierarchical_-tagging	Enables hierarchical evaluation tagging
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	single	A model with one of each block: variable, interface, and response
			surrogate	An empirical model that is created from data or the results of a submodel
			nested	A model whose responses are computed through the use of a sub-iterator

Description

A model is comprised of a mapping from variables, through an interface, to responses.

Model Group 1 The type of model can be:

1. `single`
2. `nested`
3. `surrogate`

The input file must specify one of these types. If the type is not specified, Dakota will assume a single model.

Block Pointers and ID

Each of these model types supports `variables_pointer` and `responses_pointer` strings for identifying the variables and responses specifications used in constructing the model by cross-referencing with `id_variables` and `id_responses` strings from particular variables and responses keyword specifications.

These pointers are valid for each model type since each model contains a set of variables that is mapped into a set of responses – only the specifics of the mapping differ.

Additional pointers are used for each model type for constructing the components of the variable to response mapping. As an environment specification identifies a top-level method and a method specification identifies a model, a model specification identifies variables, responses, and (for some types) interface specifications. This top-down flow specifies all of the object interrelationships.

Examples

The next example displays a surrogate model specification which selects a quadratic polynomial from among the global approximation methods. It uses a pointer to a design of experiments method for generating the data needed for building the global approximation, reuses any old data available for the current approximation region, and employs the first-order multiplicative approach to correcting the approximation each time correction is requested.

```
model,
  id_model = 'M1'
  variables_pointer = 'V1'
  responses_pointer = 'R1'
  surrogate
    global
      polynomial quadratic
      dace_method_pointer = 'DACE'
      reuse_samples region
      correction multiplicative first_order
```

This example demonstrates the use of identifiers and pointers. It provides the optional model independent specifications for model identifier, variables pointer, and responses pointer as well as model dependent specifications for global surrogates (see global).

Finally, an advanced nested model example would be

```
model
    id_model = 'M1'
    variables_pointer = 'V1'
    responses_pointer = 'R1'
    nested
     optional_interface_pointer = 'OI1'
      optional_interface_responses_pointer = 'OIR1'
     sub_method_pointer = 'SM1'
      primary_variable_mapping  = '' '' 'X'   'Y'
      secondary_variable_mapping = '' '' 'mean' 'mean'
      primary_response_mapping  = 1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.
      secondary_response_mapping = 0. 0. 0. 1. 3. 0. 0. 0. 0.
                    0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 3. 0.
```

This example also supplies model independent controls for model identifier, variables pointer, and responses pointer and supplies model dependent controls for specifying details of the nested mapping.

6.3.1 id_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- id_model

Give the model block an identifying name, in case of multiple model blocks

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_identifier

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: method use of last model parsed

Description

The model identifier string is supplied with `id_model` and is used to provide a unique identifier string for use within method specifications (refer to any of the keywords: `model_pointer` in under one of the methods in the method block, for example: model_pointer)

This is used to determine which model the method will run.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- model_pointer

6.3.2 variables_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- variables_pointer

Specify which variables block will be included with this model block

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: model use of last variables parsed

Description

The `variables_pointer` is used to specify which variables block will be used by the model, by cross-referencing with id_variables keyword in the variables block.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

6.3.3 responses_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- responses_pointer

Specify which reponses block will be used by this model block

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: model use of last responses parsed

Description

The `responses_pointer` is used to specify which responses block will be used by the model, by cross-referencing with id_responses keyword in the responses block.
See block_pointer for details about pointers.

6.3.4 hierarchical_tagging

- Keywords Area
- model
- hierarchical_tagging

Enables hierarchical evaluation tagging

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no hierarchical tagging

Description

The hierarchical tagging option is useful for studies involving multiple models with a nested or hierarchical relationship. For example a nested model has a sub-method, which itself likely operates on a sub-model, or a hierarchical approximation involves coordination of low and high fidelity models. Specifying `hierarchical_tagging` will yield function evaluation identifiers (”tags”) composed of the evaluation IDs of the models involved, e.g., outermodel.innermodel.interfaceid = 4.9.2. This communicates the outer contexts to the analysis driver when performing a function evaluation.

Examples

test/dakota_uq_timeseries_ivp_optinterf.in test/dakota_uq_timeseries_sop_optinterf.in

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- file_tag model-nested

6.3.5 single

- Keywords Area
- model
- single

A model with one of each block: variable, interface, and response

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: N/A (single if no model specification)

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		interface_pointer	Interface block pointer for the single model type

Description

The single model is the simplest model type. It uses a single interface instance to map variables into responses. There is no recursion in this case.

The optional interface_pointer specification identifies the interface block by cross-referencing with the `id_interface` string input from a particular interface keyword specification. This is only necessary when the input file has multiple interface blocks, and you wish to explicitly point to the desired block. The same logic follows for responses and variables blocks and pointers.

Examples

The example shows a minimal specification for a single model, which is the default model when no models are specified by the user.

```
model
  single
```

This example does not provide any pointer strings and therefore relies on the default behavior of constructing the model with the last variables, interface, and responses specifications parsed.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- surrogate
- nested

interface_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- single
- interface_pointer

Interface block pointer for the single model type

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: model use of last interface parsed

Description

In the `single` model case, a single interface is used to map the variables into responses. The optional `interface_pointer` specification identifies this interface by cross-referencing with the `id_interface` string input from a particular interface keyword specification.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

6.3.6 surrogate

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate

An empirical model that is created from data or the results of a submodel

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		id_surrogates	Identifies the subset of the response functions by number that are to be approximated (the default is all functions).
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	global	Select a surrogate model with global support
			multipoint	Construct a surrogate from multiple existing training points
			local	Build a locally accurate surrogate from data at a single point
			hierarchical	Hierarchical approximations use corrected results from a low fidelity model as an approximation to the results of a high fidelity "truth" model.

Description

Surrogate models are inexpensive approximate models that are intended to capture the salient features of an expensive high-fidelity model. They can be used to explore the variations in response quantities over regions of the parameter space, or they can serve as inexpensive stand-ins for optimization or uncertainty quantification studies (see, for example, the surrogate-based optimization methods, surrogate_based_global and surrogate_based_local).

Surrogate models supported in Dakota are categorized as Data Fitting or Hierarchical, as shown below. Each of these surrogate types provides an approximate representation of a "truth" model which is used to perform the parameter to response mappings. This approximation is built and updated using results from the truth model, called the "training data".

- Data fits:

  Data fitting methods involve construction of an approximation or surrogate model using data (response values, gradients, and Hessians) generated from the original truth model. Data fit methods can be further categorized as local, multipoint, and global approximation techniques, based on the number of points used in generating the data fit.

  1. Local: built from response data from a single point in parameter space
     - Taylor series expansion: taylor_series

Training data consists of a single point, plus gradient and Hessian information.

2. Multipoint: built from two or more points in parameter space, often involving the current and previous iterates of a minimization algorithm.
   - TANA-3: tana
     Training Data comes from a few previously evaluated points
3. Global full space response surface methods:
   - Polynomial regression: polynomial
   - Gaussian process (Kriging): gaussian_process
   - Artifical neutral network: neural_network
   - MARS: mars
   - Radial Basis Functions: radial_basis
   - Orthogonal polynomials (only supported in PCE/SC for now): polynomial_chaos and stoch_collocation

   Training data is generated using either a design of experiments method applied to the truth model (specified by dace_method_pointer), or from saved data (specified by reuse_points) in a restart database, or an import file.

- Multifidelity/hierarchical:

  Multifidelity modeling involves the use of a low-fidelity physics-based model as a surrogate for the original high-fidelity model. The low-fidelity model typically involves a coarser mesh, looser convergence tolerances, reduced element order, or omitted physics.

  See hierarchical.

The global and hierarchal surrogates have a correction feature in order to improve the local accuracy of the surrogate models. The correction factors force the surrogate models to match the true function values and possibly true function derivatives at the center point of each trust region. Details can be found on global correction or hierarchical correction.

Theory

Surrogate models are used extensively in the surrogate-based optimization and least squares methods, in which the goals are to reduce expense by minimizing the number of truth function evaluations and to smooth out noisy data with a global data fit. However, the use of surrogate models is not restricted to optimization techniques; uncertainty quantification and optimization under uncertainty methods are other primary users.

Data Fit Surrogate Models

A surrogate of the {*data* fit} type is a non-physics-based approximation typically involving interpolation or regression of a set of data generated from the original model. Data fit surrogates can be further characterized by the number of data points used in the fit, where a local approximation (e.g., first or second-order Taylor series) uses data from a single point, a multipoint approximation (e.g., two-point exponential approximations (TPEA) or two-point adaptive nonlinearity approximations (TANA)) uses a small number of data points often drawn from the previous iterates of a particular algorithm, and a global approximation (e.g., polynomial response surfaces, kriging/gaussian_process, neural networks, radial basis functions, splines) uses a set of data points distributed over the domain of interest, often generated using a design of computer experiments.

Dakota contains several types of surface fitting methods that can be used with optimization and uncertainty quantification methods and strategies such as surrogate-based optimization and optimization under uncertainty. These are: polynomial models (linear, quadratic, and cubic), first-order Taylor series expansion, kriging spatial interpolation, artificial neural networks, multivariate adaptive regression splines, radial basis functions, and moving

least squares. With the exception of Taylor series methods, all of the above methods listed in the previous sentence are accessed in Dakota through the Surfpack library. All of these surface fitting methods can be applied to problems having an arbitrary number of design parameters. However, surface fitting methods usually are practical only for problems where there are a small number of parameters (e.g., a maximum of somewhere in the range of 30-50 design parameters). The mathematical models created by surface fitting methods have a variety of names in the engineering community. These include surrogate models, meta-models, approximation models, and response surfaces. For this manual, the terms surface fit model and surrogate model are used.

The data fitting methods in Dakota include software developed by Sandia researchers and by various researchers in the academic community.

Multifidelity Surrogate Models

A second type of surrogate is the {*model* hierarchy} type (also called multifidelity, variable fidelity, variable complexity, etc.). In this case, a model that is still physics-based but is of lower fidelity (e.g., coarser discretization, reduced element order, looser convergence tolerances, omitted physics) is used as the surrogate in place of the high-fidelity model. For example, an inviscid, incompressible Euler CFD model on a coarse discretization could be used as a low-fidelity surrogate for a high-fidelity Navier-Stokes model on a fine discretization.

Surrogate Model Selection

This section offers some guidance on choosing from among the available surrogate model types.

- For Surrogate Based Local Optimization, using the surrogate_based_local method with a trust region:

  using the keywords:

  1. surrogate local taylor_series or
  2. surrogate multipoint tana

  will probably work best.

  If for some reason you wish or need to use a global surrogate (not recommended) then the best of these options is likely to be either:

  1. surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack or
  2. surrogate global moving_least_squares.

- For Efficient Global Optimization (EGO), the efficient_global method:

  the default surrogate is: gaussian_process surfpack which is likely to find a more optimal value and/or require fewer true function evaluations than the alternative, gaussian_process dakota. However, the surfpack will likely take more time to build than the `dakota` version. Note that currently the use_derivatives keyword is not recommended for use with EGO based methods.

- For EGO based global interval estimation, the global_interval_est ego method:

  the default gaussian_process surfpack will likely work better than the alternative gaussian_process dakota.

- For Efficient Global Reliability Analysis (EGRA), the global_reliability method:

  the surfpack and `dakota` versions of the gaussian process tend to give similar answers with the `dakota` version tending to use fewer true function evaluations. Since this is based on EGO, it is likely that the default surfpack is more accurate, although this has not been rigorously demonstrated.

- For EGO based Dempster-Shafer Theory of Evidence, i.e. the global_evidence ego method, the default gaussian_process surfpack often use significantly fewer true function evaluations than the alternative gaussian_process dakota.

- When using a global surrogate to extrapolate, any of the surrogates:

  - gaussian_process surfpack
  - polynomial quadratic
  - polynomial cubic

  are recommended.

- When there is over roughly two or three thousand data points and you wish to interpolate (or approximately interpolate) then a Taylor series, Radial Basis Function Network, or Moving Least Squares fit is recommended. The only reason that the gaussian_process surfpack is not recommended is that it can take a considerable amount of time to construct when the number of data points is very large. Use of the third party MARS package included in Dakota is generally discouraged.
- In other situations that call for a global surrogate, the gaussian_process surfpack is generally recommended. The `use_derivatives` keyword will only be useful if accurate and inexpensive derivatives are available. Finite difference derivatives are disqualified on both counts. However, derivatives generated by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques can be appropriate. Currently, first order derivatives, i.e. gradients, are the highest order derivatives that can be used to construct the gaussian_process surfpack model; Hessians will not be used even if they are available.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- single
- nested

id_surrogates

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- id_surrogates

Identifies the subset of the response functions by number that are to be approximated (the default is all functions).

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: All response functions are approximated

Description

In the `surrogate` model case, the specification first allows a mixture of surrogate and actual response mappings through the use of the optional `id_surrogates` specification. This identifies the subset of the response functions by number that are to be approximated (the default is all functions). The valid response function identifiers range from 1 through the total number of response functions (see response_functions).

global

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

Select a surrogate model with global support

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	gaussian_process	Gaussian Process surrogate model
			mars	Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (MARS)
			moving_least_-squares	Moving Least Squares surrogate models
			neural_network	Artificial neural network model
			radial_basis	Radial basis function (RBF) model
			polynomial	Polynomial surrogate model
	Optional		domain_-decomposition	Piecewise Domain Decomposition for Global Surrogate Models

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	total_points	Specified number of training points
			minimum_points	Construct surrogate with minimum number of points
			recommended_-points	Construct surrogate with recommended number of points
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 3**	dace_method_-pointer	Specify a method to gather training data
			actual_model_-pointer	A surrogate model pointer that guides a method to whether it should use a surrogate model or compute truth function evaluations
	Optional		reuse_points	Surrogate model training data reuse control
	Optional		import_build_-points_file	File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate
	Optional		export_approx_-points_file	Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model
	Optional		use_derivatives	Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

	Optional	correction	Correction approaches for surrogate models
	Optional	metrics	Compute surrogate quality metrics
	Optional	import_challenge_points_file	Datafile of points to assess surrogate quality

Description

The global surrogate model requires specification of one of the following approximation types:

1. Polynomial
2. Gaussian process (Kriging interpolation)
3. Layered perceptron artificial neural network approximation
4. MARS
5. Moving least squares
6. Radial basis function
7. Voronoi Piecewise Surrogate (VPS)

All these approximations are implemented in SurfPack[36], except for VPS. In addition, a second version of Gaussian process is implemented directly in Dakota.

Training Data

Training data can be taken from prior runs, stored in a datafile, or by running a Design of Experiments method. The keywords listed below are used to determine how to collect training data:

- `dace_method_pointer`
- `reuse_points`
- `import_points_file`
- `use_derivatives` The source of training data is determined by the contents of a provided `import_points_file`, whether `reuse_points` and `use_derivatives` are specified, and the contents of the method block specified by `dace_method_pointer`. `use_derivatives` is a special case, the other keywords are discussed below.

The number of training data points used in building a global approximation is determined by specifying one of three point counts:

1. `minimum_points`: minimum required or minimum ”reasonable” amount of training data. Defaults to d+1 for d input dimensions for most models, e.g., polynomials override to the number of coefficients required to estimate the requested order.
2. `recommended_points`: recommended number of training data, (this is the default option, if none of the keywords is specified). Defaults to 5∗d, except for polynomials where it’s equal to the minimum.

3. total_points: specify the number of training data points. However, if the total_points value is less than the default minimum_points value, the minimum_points value is used.

The sources of training data depend on the number of training points, N_{tp}, the number of points in the import file, N_{if}, and the value of reuse_points.

- If there is no import file, all training data come from the DACE method
- If there is an import file, all N_{if} points from the file are used, and the remaining $N_{tp} - N_{if}$ points come from the DACE method
- If there is an import file and reuse_points is:
  - none - all N_{tp} points from DACE method
  - region - only the points within a trust region are taken from the import file, and all remaining points are from the DACE method.
  - all - (Default) all N_{if} points from the file are used, and the remaining $N_{tp} - N_{if}$ points come from the DACE method

Surrogate Correction

A correction model can be added to the constructed surrogate in order to better match the training data. The specified correction method will be applied to the surrogate, and then the corrected surrogate model is used by the method.

Finally, the quality of the surrogate can be tested using the metrics and challenge_points_file keywords.

Theory

Global methods, also referred to as response surface methods, involve many points spread over the parameter ranges of interest. These surface fitting methods work in conjunction with the sampling methods and design of experiments methods.

Procedures for Surface Fitting

The surface fitting process consists of three steps:

1. selection of a set of design points
2. evaluation of the true response quantities (e.g., from a user-supplied simulation code) at these design points,
3. using the response data to solve for the unknown coefficients (e.g., polynomial coefficients, neural network weights, kriging correlation factors) in the surface fit model.

In cases where there is more than one response quantity (e.g., an objective function plus one or more constraints), then a separate surface is built for each response quantity. Currently, the surface fit models are built using only 0 $^{\text{th}}$-order information (function values only), although extensions to using higher-order information (gradients and Hessians) are possible.

Each surface fitting method employs a different numerical method for computing its internal coefficients. For example, the polynomial surface uses a least-squares approach that employs a singular value decomposition to compute the polynomial coefficients, whereas the kriging surface uses Maximum Likelihood Estimation to compute its correlation coefficients. More information on the numerical methods used in the surface fitting codes is provided in the Dakota Developers Manual.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- local
- hierarchical
- multipoint

gaussian_process

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process

Gaussian Process surrogate model

Specification

Alias: kriging

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	dakota	Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate
			surfpack	Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Description

Use the Gaussian process (GP) surrogate from Surfpack, which is specified using the surfpack keyword.

An alternate version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

dakota

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- dakota

Select the built in Gaussian Process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		point_selection	Enable greedy selection of well-spaced build points
	Optional		trend	Choose a trend function for a Gaussian process surrogate

Description

A second version of GP surrogates was available in prior versions of Dakota. **For now, both versions are supported but the `dakota` version is deprecated and intended to be removed in a future release.**

Historically these models were drastically different, but in Dakota 5.1, they became quite similar. They now differ in that the Surfpack GP has a richer set of features/options and tends to be more accurate than the Dakota version. Due to how the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioned correlation matrices (which significantly contributes to its greater accuracy), the `Surfpack` GP can be a factor of two or three slower than Dakota's. As of Dakota 5.2, the Surfpack implementation is the default in all contexts except Bayesian calibration.

More details on the `gaussian_process` dakota model can be found in[58].

Dakota's GP deals with ill-conditioning in two ways. First, when it encounters a non-invertible correlation matrix it iteratively increases the size of a "nugget," but in such cases the resulting approximation smooths rather than interpolates the data. Second, it has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

This differs from the `point_selection` option of the Dakota GP which initially chooses a well-spaced subset of points and finds the correlation parameters that are most likely for that one subset.

point_selection

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- dakota
- point_selection

Enable greedy selection of well-spaced build points

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no point selection

Description

The Dakota Gaussian Process model has a `point_selection` option (default off) that uses a greedy algorithm to select a well-spaced subset of points prior to the construction of the GP. In this case, the GP will only interpolate the selected subset. Typically, one should not need point selection in trust-region methods because a small number of points are used to develop a surrogate within each trust region. Point selection is most beneficial when constructing with a large number of points, typically more than order one hundred, though this depends on the number of variables and spacing of the sample points.

trend

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- dakota
- trend

Choose a trend function for a Gaussian process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: reduced_quadratic

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	constant	Constant trend function

			linear	Use a linear polynomial or trend function
			reduced_quadratic	Quadratic polynomials - main effects only

Description

The only trend functions that are currently supported are polynomials.

The trend function is selected using the `trend` keyword, with options `constant`, `linear`, or `reduced_quadratic`. The `reduced_quadratic` trend function includes the main effects, but not mixed/interaction terms. The Surfpack GP (See surfpack) has the additional option of (a full) `quadratic`.

constant

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- dakota
- trend
- constant

Constant trend function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

linear

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- gaussian_process
- dakota
- trend
- linear

Use a linear polynomial or trend function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

reduced_quadratic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- dakota
- trend
- reduced_quadratic

Quadratic polynomials - main effects only

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In 2 or more dimensions, this polynomial omits the interaction, or mixed, terms.

surfpack

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack

Use the Surfpack version of Gaussian Process surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		trend	Choose a trend function for a Gaussian process surrogate
	Optional		optimization_-method	Change the optimization method used to compute hyperparameters
	Optional		max_trials	Max number of likelihood function evaluations
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	nugget	Specify a nugget to handle ill-conditioning
			find_nugget	Have Surfpack compute a nugget to handle ill-conditioning
	Optional		correlation_lengths	Specify the correlation lengths for the Gaussian process

	Optional	export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

This keyword specifies the use of the Gaussian process that is incorporated in our surface fitting library called Surfpack.

Several user options are available:

1. Optimization methods:

   Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE) is used to find the optimal values of the hyper-parameters governing the trend and correlation functions. By default the global optimization method DIRECT is used for MLE, but other options for the optimization method are available. See optimization_method.

   The total number of evaluations of the likelihood function can be controlled using the `max_trials` keyword followed by a positive integer. Note that the likelihood function does not require running the "truth" model, and is relatively inexpensive to compute.

2. Trend Function:

   The GP models incorporate a parametric trend function whose purpose is to capture large-scale variations. See trend.

3. Correlation Lengths:

   Correlation lengths are usually optimized by Surfpack, however, the user can specify the lengths manually. See correlation_lengths.

4. Ill-conditioning

   One of the major problems in determining the governing values for a Gaussian process or Kriging model is the fact that the correlation matrix can easily become ill-conditioned when there are too many input points close together. Since the predictions from the Gaussian process model involve inverting the correlation matrix, ill-conditioning can lead to poor predictive capability and should be avoided.

   Note that a sufficiently bad sample design could require correlation lengths to be so short that any interpolatory GP model would become inept at extrapolation and interpolation.

   The `surfpack` model handles ill-conditioning internally by default, but behavior can be modified using

5. Gradient Enhanced Kriging (GEK).

   The `use_derivatives` keyword will cause the Surfpack GP to be constructed from a combination of function value and gradient information (if available).

   See notes in the Theory section.

Theory

Gradient Enhanced Kriging

Incorporating gradient information will only be beneficial if accurate and inexpensive derivative information is available, and the derivatives are not infinite or nearly so. Here "inexpensive" means that the cost of evaluating a function value plus gradient is comparable to the cost of evaluating only the function value, for example gradients computed by analytical, automatic differentiation, or continuous adjoint techniques. It is not cost effective to use

derivatives computed by finite differences. In tests, GEK models built from finite difference derivatives were also significantly less accurate than those built from analytical derivatives. Note that GEK's correlation matrix tends to have a significantly worse condition number than Kriging for the same sample design.

This issue was addressed by using a pivoted Cholesky factorization of Kriging's correlation matrix (which is a small sub-matrix within GEK's correlation matrix) to rank points by how much unique information they contain. This reordering is then applied to whole points (the function value at a point immediately followed by gradient information at the same point) in GEK's correlation matrix. A standard non-pivoted Cholesky is then applied to the reordered GEK correlation matrix and a bisection search is used to find the last equation that meets the constraint on the (estimate of) condition number. The cost of performing pivoted Cholesky on Kriging's correlation matrix is usually negligible compared to the cost of the non-pivoted Cholesky factorization of GEK's correlation matrix. In tests, it also resulted in more accurate GEK models than when pivoted Cholesky or whole-point-block pivoted Cholesky was performed on GEK's correlation matrix.

trend

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- trend

Choose a trend function for a Gaussian process surrogate

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: reduced_quadratic

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	constant	Constant trend function
			linear	Use a linear polynomial or trend function

			reduced_quadratic	Quadratic polynomials - main effects only
			quadratic	Use a quadratic polynomial or trend function

Description

The only trend functions that are currently supported are polynomials.

The trend function is selected using the `trend` keyword, with options `constant`, `linear`, or `reduced_quadratic`. The `reduced_quadratic` trend function includes the main effects, but not mixed/interaction terms. The Surfpack GP (See surfpack) has the additional option of (a full) `quadratic`.

constant

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- trend
- constant

Constant trend function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

linear

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- trend
- linear

Use a linear polynomial or trend function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

reduced_quadratic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- trend
- reduced_quadratic

Quadratic polynomials - main effects only

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In 2 or more dimensions, this polynomial omits the interaction, or mixed, terms.

quadratic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- trend
- quadratic

Use a quadratic polynomial or trend function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

optimization_method

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- optimization_method

Change the optimization method used to compute hyperparameters

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: global

Description

Select the optimization method to compute hyperparameters of the Gaussian Process by specifying one of these arguments:

- `global` (default) - DIRECT method
- `local` - CONMIN method
- `sampling` - generates several random guesses and picks the candidate with greatest likelihood
- `none` - no optimization, pick the center of the feasible region

The `none` option, and the starting location of the `local` optimization, default to the center, in log(correlation length) scale, of the of feasible region.
Surfpack picks a small feasible region of correlation parameters.
Note that we have found the `global` optimization method to be the most robust.

max_trials

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- max_trials

Max number of likelihood function evaluations

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

See parent page

nugget

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process

- surfpack
- nugget

Specify a nugget to handle ill-conditioning

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: None

Description

By default, the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioning and does not use a nugget. If the user wishes to specify a nugget, there are two approaches.

- The user can specify the value of a nugget with nugget.
- Have Surfpack find the optimal value of the nugget. This is specified by find_nugget. There are two options for find_nugget.
  - `find_nugget` = 1: assume that the reciprocal condition number of the correlation matrix R, rcondR, is zero and calculate the nugget needed to make the worst case of R not ill-conditioned.
  - `find_nugget` = 2: calculate rcondR, which requires a Cholesky factorization. If rcondR indicates that R is not ill-conditioned, then kriging uses the Cholesky factorization. Otherwise, if rcondR says R is ill conditioned, then kriging will calculate the nugget needed to make the worst case of R not ill conditioned.

`find_nugget` = 1 and 2 are similar, the second option just takes more computation (the initial Cholesky factorization) for larger problems.

find_nugget

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- find_nugget

Have Surfpack compute a nugget to handle ill-conditioning

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: None

Description

By default, the Surfpack GP handles ill-conditioning and does not use a nugget. If the user wishes to specify a nugget, there are two approaches.

- The user can specify the value of a nugget with nugget.
- Have Surfpack find the optimal value of the nugget. This is specified by find_nugget. There are two options for find_nugget.
  - `find_nugget` = 1: assume that the reciprocal condition number of the correlation matrix R, rcondR, is zero and calculate the nugget needed to make the worst case of R not ill-conditioned.
  - `find_nugget` = 2: calculate rcondR, which requires a Cholesky factorization. If rcondR indicates that R is not ill-conditioned, then kriging uses the Cholesky factorization. Otherwise, if rcondR says R is ill conditioned, then kriging will calculate the nugget needed to make the worst case of R not ill conditioned.

  `find_nugget` = 1 and 2 are similar, the second option just takes more computation (the initial Cholesky factorization) for larger problems.

correlation_lengths

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- correlation_lengths

Specify the correlation lengths for the Gaussian process

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: internally computed correlation_lengths

Description

Directly specify `correlation_lengths` as a list of N real numbers where N is the number of input dimensions.

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
	Required		formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `binary_archive` - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_file` - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_console` - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword `gaussian_process` surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword `neural_network`)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword `radial_basis`)
- Polynomial (keyword `polynomial`)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword `mars`) and moving least squares (keyword `moving_least_squares`) models, only `text_archive` and `binary_archive` formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the `formats` specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {prefix}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The response_descriptor portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The filename_prefix keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
	Optional		algebraic_file	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
	Optional		algebraic_console	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

algebraic_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_file

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a file in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.alg. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming. The file contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the file matches exactly the output written to the console when `algebraic_console` is specified.

algebraic_console

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- gaussian_process
- surfpack
- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_console

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to the console (screen, or output file if Dakota was run using the -o option) in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The output contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the screen for the exported model matches exactly the output written to file when `algebraic_file` is specified. Use of `algebraic_file` is preferred over `algebraic_console`, which exists largely to provide a measure of backward compatibility.

mars

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars

Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (MARS)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_bases	Maximum number of MARS bases
	Optional		interpolation	MARS model interpolation type
	Optional		export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

This surface fitting method uses multivariate adaptive regression splines from the MARS3.5 package[27] developed at Stanford University.

The MARS reference material does not indicate the minimum number of data points that are needed to create a MARS surface model. However, in practice it has been found that at least $n_{c_{quad}}$, and sometimes as many as 2 to 4 times $n_{c_{quad}}$, data points are needed to keep the MARS software from terminating. Provided that sufficient data samples can be obtained, MARS surface models can be useful in SBO and OUU applications, as well as in the prediction of global trends throughout the parameter space.

Theory

The form of the MARS model is based on the following expression:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{m=1}^{M} a_m B_m(\mathbf{x})$$

where the a_m are the coefficients of the truncated power basis functions B_m, and M is the number of basis functions. The MARS software partitions the parameter space into subregions, and then applies forward and backward regression methods to create a local surface model in each subregion. The result is that each subregion contains its own basis functions and coefficients, and the subregions are joined together to produce a smooth, C^2-continuous surface model.

MARS is a nonparametric surface fitting method and can represent complex multimodal data trends. The regression component of MARS generates a surface model that is not guaranteed to pass through all of the response data values. Thus, like the quadratic polynomial model, it provides some smoothing of the data.

max_bases

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars

- max_bases

Maximum number of MARS bases

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The maximum number of basis functions allowed in the MARS approximation model.

interpolation

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- interpolation

MARS model interpolation type

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** linear	**Dakota Keyword Description** Linear interpolation
			cubic	Cubic interpolation

Description

The MARS model interpolation type: linear or cubic.

linear

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- mars
- interpolation
- linear

Linear interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use linear interpolation in the MARS model.

cubic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- interpolation
- cubic

Cubic interpolation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use cubic interpolation in the MARS model.

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
	Required		formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `binary_archive` - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_file` - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_console` - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword `gaussian_process` surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword `neural_network`)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword `radial_basis`)
- Polynomial (keyword `polynomial`)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword `mars`) and moving least squares (keyword `moving_least_squares`) models, only `text_archive` and `binary_archive` formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the `formats` specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The `response_descriptor` portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The `filename_prefix` keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns `my_surrogate`.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and `my_surrogate`.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars

- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- mars
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

moving_least_squares

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares

Moving Least Squares surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		basis_order	Polynomial order for the MLS bases
	Optional		weight_function	Selects the weight function for the MLS model
	Optional		export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

Moving least squares is a further generalization of weighted least squares where the weighting is "moved" or recalculated for every new point where a prediction is desired[64].

The implementation of moving least squares is still under development. It tends to work well in trust region optimization methods where the surrogate model is constructed in a constrained region over a few points. The present implementation may not work as well globally.

Theory

Moving Least Squares can be considered a more specialized version of linear regression models. In linear regression, one usually attempts to minimize the sum of the squared residuals, where the residual is defined as the difference between the surrogate model and the true model at a fixed number of points.

In weighted least squares, the residual terms are weighted so the determination of the optimal coefficients governing the polynomial regression function, denoted by $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$, are obtained by minimizing the weighted sum of squares at N data points:

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} w_n(\| \hat{f}(\mathbf{x_n}) - f(\mathbf{x_n}) \|)$$

basis_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- basis_order

Polynomial order for the MLS bases

Specification

Alias: poly_order
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The polynomial order for the moving least squares basis function (default = 2).

weight_function

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- weight_function

Selects the weight function for the MLS model

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The weight function decays as a function of distance from the training data. Specify one of:

- 1 (default): exponential decay in weight function; once differentiable MLS model
- 2: twice differentiable MLS model
- 3: three times differentiable MLS model

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

	Required	formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `binary_archive` - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_file` - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- `algebraic_console` - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword `gaussian_process` surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword `neural_network`)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword `radial_basis`)
- Polynomial (keyword `polynomial`)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword `mars`) and moving least squares (keyword `moving_least_squares`) models, only `text_archive` and `binary_archive` formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the `formats` specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {prefix}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The response_descriptor portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The filename_prefix keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- moving_least_squares
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

neural_network

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network

Artificial neural network model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		max_nodes	Maximum number of hidden layer nodes
	Optional		range	Range for neural network random weights
	Optional		random_weight	(Inactive) Random weight control
	Optional		export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

Dakota's artificial neural network surrogate is a stochastic layered perceptron network, with a single hidden layer. Weights for the input layer are chosen randomly, while those in the hidden layer are estimated from data using a variant of the Zimmerman direct training approach[92].

This typically yields lower training cost than traditional neural networks, yet good out-of-sample performance. This is helpful in surrogate-based optimization and optimization under uncertainty, where multiple surrogates may be repeatedly constructed during the optimization process, e.g., a surrogate per response function, and a new surrogate for each optimization iteration.

The neural network is a non parametric surface fitting method. Thus, along with Kriging (Gaussian Process) and MARS, it can be used to model data trends that have slope discontinuities as well as multiple maxima and minima. However, unlike Kriging, the neural network surrogate is not guaranteed to interpolate the data from which it was constructed.

This surrogate can be constructed from fewer than $n_{c_{quad}}$ data points, however, it is a good rule of thumb to use at least $n_{c_{quad}}$ data points when possible.

Theory

The form of the neural network model is

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \tanh\left\{\mathbf{A}_1 \tanh\left(\mathbf{A}_0^T\mathbf{x} + \theta_0^T\right) + \theta_1\right\}$$

where $\mathbf{x}$ is the evaluation point in n-dimensional parameter space; the terms $\mathbf{A}_0, \theta_0$ are the random input layer weight matrix and bias vector, respectively; and $\mathbf{A}_1, \theta_1$ are a weight vector and bias scalar, respectively, estimated from training data. These coefficients are analogous to the polynomial coefficients obtained from regression to training data. The neural network uses a cross validation-based orthogonal matching pursuit solver to determine the optimal number of nodes and to solve for the weights and offsets.

max_nodes

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- max_nodes

Maximum number of hidden layer nodes

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: nodes
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: numTrainingData - 1

Description

Limits the maximum number of hidden layer nodes in the neural network model. The default is to use one less node than the number of available training data points yielding a fully-determined linear least squares problem. However, reducing the number of nodes can help reduce overfitting and more importantly, can drastically reduce surrogate construction time when building from a large data set. (Historically, Dakota limited the number of nodes to 100.)

The keyword `max_nodes` provides an upper bound. Dakota's orthogonal matching pursuit algorithm may further reduce the effective number of nodes in the final model to achieve better generalization to unseen points.

range

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- range

Range for neural network random weights

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

Description

Controls the range of the input layer random weights in the neural network model. The default range is 2.0, resulting in weights in (-1, 1). These weights are applied after the training inputs have been scaled into [-0.8, 0.8].

random_weight

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- random_weight

(Inactive) Random weight control

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This option is not currently in use and is likely to be removed

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
	Required		formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable

- binary_archive - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_file - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_console - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword gaussian_process surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword neural_network)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword radial_basis)
- Polynomial (keyword polynomial)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword mars) and moving least squares (keyword moving_least_squares) models, only text_archive and binary_archive formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the formats specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {prefix}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The response_descriptor portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The filename_prefix keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
	Optional		algebraic_file	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
	Optional		algebraic_console	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

algebraic_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network
- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_file

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a file in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.alg. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming. The file contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the file matches exactly the output written to the console when `algebraic_console` is specified.

algebraic_console

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- neural_network

- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_console

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to the console (screen, or output file if Dakota was run using the -o option) in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The output contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the screen for the exported model matches exactly the output written to file when `algebraic_file` is specified. Use of `algebraic_file` is preferred over `algebraic_console`, which exists largely to provide a measure of backward compatibility.

radial_basis

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis

Radial basis function (RBF) model

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		bases	Initial number of radial basis functions
	Optional		max_pts	Maximum number of RBF CVT points
	Optional		min_partition	(Inactive) Minimum RBF partition
	Optional		max_subsets	Number of trial RBF subsets
	Optional		export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

Radial basis functions ϕ are functions whose value typically depends on the distance from a center point, called the centroid, $\mathbf{c}$.

The surrogate model approximation comprises a sum of K weighted radial basis functions:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{k=1}^{K} w_k \phi(\| \mathbf{x} - \mathbf{c_k} \|)$$

These basis functions take many forms, but Gaussian kernels or splines are most common. The Dakota implementation uses a Gaussian radial basis function. The weights are determined via a linear least squares solution approach. See[67] for more details.

bases

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- bases

Initial number of radial basis functions

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Initial number of radial basis functions. The default value is the smaller of the number of training points and 100.

max_pts

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- max_pts

Maximum number of RBF CVT points

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Maximum number of CVT points to use in generating each RBF center. basis computing centroid of each. Defaults to 10 $*$ (bases). Reducing this will reduce model build time.

min_partition

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- min_partition

(Inactive) Minimum RBF partition

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This option currently has no effect and will likely be removed.

max_subsets

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- max_subsets

Number of trial RBF subsets

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

Number of passes to take to identify the best subset of basis functions to use. Defaults to the smaller of 3 ∗ (bases) and 100.

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
	Required		formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable

- binary_archive - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_file - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_console - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword gaussian_process surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword neural_network)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword radial_basis)
- Polynomial (keyword polynomial)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword mars) and moving least squares (keyword moving_least_squares) models, only text_archive and binary_archive formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the formats specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {prefix}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The response_descriptor portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The filename_prefix keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
	Optional		algebraic_file	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
	Optional		algebraic_console	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

algebraic_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis
- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_file

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a file in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.alg. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming. The file contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the file matches exactly the output written to the console when `algebraic_console` is specified.

algebraic_console

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- radial_basis

- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_console

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to the console (screen, or output file if Dakota was run using the -o option) in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The output contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the screen for the exported model matches exactly the output written to file when `algebraic_file` is specified. Use of `algebraic_file` is preferred over `algebraic_console`, which exists largely to provide a measure of backward compatibility.

polynomial

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial

Polynomial surrogate model

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**polynomial order (Group 1)**	basis_order	Polynomial order
			linear	Use a linear polynomial or trend function
			quadratic	Use a quadratic polynomial or trend function
			cubic	Use a cubic polynomial
	Optional		export_model	Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Description

Linear, quadratic, and cubic polynomial surrogate models are available in Dakota. The utility of the simple polynomial models stems from two sources:

- over a small portion of the parameter space, a low-order polynomial model is often an accurate approximation to the true data trends
- the least-squares procedure provides a surface fit that smooths out noise in the data.

Local surrogate-based optimization methods (surrogate_based_local) are often successful when using polynomial models, particularly quadratic models. However, a polynomial surface fit may not be the best choice for modeling data trends globally over the entire parameter space, unless it is known a priori that the true data trends are close to linear, quadratic, or cubic. See[63] for more information on polynomial models.

Theory

The form of the linear polynomial model is

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i x_i$$

the form of the quadratic polynomial model is:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \geq i}^{n} c_{ij} x_i x_j$$

and the form of the cubic polynomial model is:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx c_0 + \sum_{i=1}^{n} c_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \geq i}^{n} c_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j \geq i}^{n} \sum_{k \geq j}^{n} c_{ijk} x_i x_j x_k$$

In all of the polynomial models, $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x})$ is the response of the polynomial model; the x_i, x_j, x_k terms are the components of the n-dimensional design parameter values; the c_0 , c_i , c_{ij} , c_{ijk} terms are the polynomial coefficients, and n is the number of design parameters. The number of coefficients, n_c, depends on the order of polynomial model and the number of design parameters. For the linear polynomial:

$$n_{c_{linear}} = n + 1$$

for the quadratic polynomial:

$$n_{c_{quad}} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

and for the cubic polynomial:

$$n_{c_{cubic}} = \frac{(n^3 + 6n^2 + 11n + 6)}{6}$$

There must be at least n_c data samples in order to form a fully determined linear system and solve for the polynomial coefficients. In Dakota, a least-squares approach involving a singular value decomposition numerical method is applied to solve the linear system.

basis_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- basis_order

Polynomial order

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The polynomial order for the polynomial regression model (default = 2).

linear

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- polynomial
- linear

Use a linear polynomial or trend function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

quadratic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- quadratic

Use a quadratic polynomial or trend function

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

cubic

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- cubic

Use a cubic polynomial

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page

export_model

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model

Exports surrogate model in user-selected format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		filename_prefix	User-customizable portion of exported model filenames
	Required		formats	Formats for surrogate model export

Description

Export the surrogate for later evaluation using the surfpack exectuable (`bin/surfpack`) or a user-developed tool. Export format is controlled using the `formats` specification. Four formats are available in Dakota; however, not all have been enabled for all surrogates.

The four formats are:

- `text_archive` - Plain-text, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable

- binary_archive - Binary, machine-readable archive for use with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_file - Plain-text, human-readable file intended for use with user-created tools; not compatible with the surfpack executable
- algebraic_console - Print the model in algebraic format to the screen; not compatible with the surfpack executable

Most global surrogates can be exported in all four formats. These include:

- Gaussian process (keyword gaussian_process surfpack)
- Artificial neural network (keyword neural_network)
- Radial basis Funtions (keyword radial_basis)
- Polynomial (keyword polynomial)

However, for Multivariate Adaptive Regression Spline (keyword mars) and moving least squares (keyword moving_least_squares) models, only text_archive and binary_archive formats may be used.

Currently, no other surrogate models can be exported. In addition, Dakota cannot import models that have been exported. They are strictly for use with external tools.

Default Behavior

No export.

Expected Output

Output depends on selected format; see the formats specification.

Additional Discussion

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

filename_prefix

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model
- filename_prefix

User-customizable portion of exported model filenames

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: exported_surrogate

Description

When a file-based export of a surrogate model is specified, Dakota writes one file per response, per requested format. The files are named using the pattern {prefix}.{response_descriptor}.{extension}.

The response_descriptor portion of the pattern is filled in using the response descriptors provided by the user (or, if none are specified, descriptors automatically generated by Dakota). Extension is a three or four letter string that depends on the format. The filename_prefix keyword is used to supply the prefix portion of the pattern.

Examples

This input snippet directs Dakota to write one algebraic format file and one binary archive file for each response. The names of the files will follow the patterns my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.alg (for the algebraic files) and my_surrogate.{response_descriptor}.bsps (for the binary files).

```
surrogate global gaussian_process surfpack
  export_model
    filename_prefix = 'my_surrogate'
      formats
        algebraic_file
        binary_archive
```

formats

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model
- formats

Formats for surrogate model export

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		text_archive	Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file
	Optional		binary_archive	Export surrogate model to a binary archive file
	Optional		algebraic_file	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file
	Optional		algebraic_console	Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Description

Select from among the 2-4 available export formats available for this surrogate. Multiple selections are permitted. See `export_model` and the entries for the format selection keywords for further information.

text_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model
- formats
- text_archive

Export surrogate model to a plain-text archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a plain-text archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.sps, in which 'sps' stands for Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

binary_archive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model
- formats
- binary_archive

Export surrogate model to a binary archive file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a binary archival file suitable only for use with the surfpack executable (`bin/surfpack`). The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.bsps, in which 'bsps' stands for Binary Surfpack Surrogate. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming.

The Dakota examples folder includes a demonstration of using the surfpack executable with an exported model file.

algebraic_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial
- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_file

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to a file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to a file in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The file is named using the pattern {`prefix`}.{response_descriptor}.alg. See `filename_prefix` for further information about exported surrogate file naming. The file contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the file matches exactly the output written to the console when `algebraic_console` is specified.

algebraic_console

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- polynomial

- export_model
- formats
- algebraic_console

Export surrogate model in algebraic format to the console

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

After the surrogate model has been built, Dakota will export it to the console (screen, or output file if Dakota was run using the -o option) in a human-readable "algebraic" format. The output contains sufficient information for the user to (re)construct and evaluate the model outside of Dakota.

Expected Output

The format depends on the type of surrogate model, but in general will include a LaTeX-like representation of the analytic form of the model to aid tool development, all needed model hyperparameters, and headers describing the shape or dimension of the provided data.

The output written to the screen for the exported model matches exactly the output written to file when `algebraic_file` is specified. Use of `algebraic_file` is preferred over `algebraic_console`, which exists largely to provide a measure of backward compatibility.

domain_decomposition

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- domain_decomposition

Piecewise Domain Decomposition for Global Surrogate Models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		cell_type	Type of the Geometric Cells Used for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates
	Optional		support_layers	Optional Number of Support Layers for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates
	Optional		discontinuity_-detection	Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Description

Typical regression techniques use all available sample points to build continuous approximations the underlying function.

An alternative option is to use piecewise decomposition to locally approximate the function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood only. This option currently supports Polynomial Regression, Gaussian Process (GP) Interpolation, and Radial Basis Functions (RBF) Regression. It requires a decomposition cell type (currently set to be Voronoi cells). Optional parameters are: the number of layers of neighbors used to solve the regression problem (default is one layer), and an optional discontinuity detection capability (identified by a user-input jump or gradient threshold).

The method can also make use of the gradient and Hessian information, if available. The user needs to specify the keyword user_derivatives.

cell_type

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- domain_decomposition

- cell_type

Type of the Geometric Cells Used for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

The piecewise decomposition option for global surrogates is used to locally approximate a function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood.

This option requires a decomposition cell type that can vary from structured grid boxes, to polygonal Voronoi cells. Currently, this option only supports Voronoi cells.

support_layers

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- domain_decomposition
- support_layers

Optional Number of Support Layers for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The piecewise decomposition option for global surrogates is used to locally approximate a function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood.

The neighborhood of a cell is parameterized via a number of (support layers). The default value is set to one layer of neighbors (cells that share direct edges with the cell under study). One more support layer would include the neighbors of that cells neighbors, and so on.

discontinuity_detection

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global

- domain_decomposition
- discontinuity_detection

Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	jump_threshold	Gradient Threshold Parameter of the Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates
			gradient_threshold	Gradient Threshold Parameter of the Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Description

The piecewise decomposition option for global surrogates is used to locally approximate a function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood.

The domain decomposition algorithm supports an optional discontinuity detection capability where seeds across a user-input discontinuity threshold are not considered neighbors when building the approximate connectivity Delaunay graph. Alternatively, the domain is split into patches that trap discontinuities between them. This capability is specified by either jump or gradient threshold values in the input spec.

jump_threshold

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate

- global
- domain_decomposition
- discontinuity_detection
- jump_threshold

Gradient Threshold Parameter of the Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

Description

The piecewise decomposition option for global surrogates is used to locally approximate a function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood.

The domain decomposition algorithm supports an optional discontinuity detection capability where seeds across a user-input discontinuity threshold are not considered neighbors when building the approximate connectivity Delaunay graph. Alternatively, the domain is split into patches that trap discontinuities between them. This capability can be specified using a jump threshold value in the input spec.

gradient_threshold

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- domain_decomposition
- discontinuity_detection
- gradient_threshold

Gradient Threshold Parameter of the Optional Discontinuity Detection Capability for the Piecewise Decomposition Option of Global Surrogates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL

Description

The piecewise decomposition option for global surrogates is used to locally approximate a function at some point using a few sample points from its neighborhood.

The domain decomposition algorithm supports an optional discontinuity detection capability where seeds across a user-input discontinuity threshold are not considered neighbors when building the approximate connectivity Delaunay graph. Alternatively, the domain is split into patches that trap discontinuities between them. This capability can be specified using a gradient threshold value in the input spec.

total_points

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- total_points

Specified number of training points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: recommended_points

Description

See parent page.

minimum_points

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- minimum_points

Construct surrogate with minimum number of points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The minimum is d+1, for d input dimensions, except for polynomials. See parent page.

recommended_points

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- recommended_points

Construct surrogate with recommended number of points

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is the default option. It requires 5∗d build points for d input dimensions, except for polynomial models. See parent page.

dace_method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- dace_method_pointer

Specify a method to gather training data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no design of experiments data

Description

The number of training points and the sources are specified on global, as well as the number of new training points required.

New training points are gathered by running the "truth" model using the method specified by `dace_method_pointer`. The DACE method will only be invoked if it has new samples to perform, and if new samples are required and no DACE iterator has been provided, an error will result.

The `dace_method_pointer` points to design of experiments method block used to generate truth model data.

Permissible methods include: Monte Carlo (random) sampling, Latin hypercube sampling, orthogonal array sampling, central composite design sampling, and Box-Behnken sampling.

Note that the number of samples specified in the method block may be overwritten, if the requested number of samples is less than minimum_points.

actual_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- actual_model_pointer

A surrogate model pointer that guides a method to whether it should use a surrogate model or compute truth function evaluations

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

Dakota methods use global surrogate models to compute surrogate function approximations. They also need to know the true function evaluations. A global surrogate model now must have an actual_model_pointer keyword to decide for the method whether to evaluate the global surrogate model, or compute the true function evaluations if actual_model_pointer = TRUTH.

reuse_points

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- reuse_points

Surrogate model training data reuse control

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: reuse_samples

Argument(s): none

Default: all for import; none otherwise

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	all	Option for `reuse_points`
			region	Option for `reuse_points`
			none	Option for `reuse_points`

Description

Dakota's global surrogate methods rely on training data, which can either come from evaluation of a "truth" model, which is generated by the method specified with dace_method_pointer, from a file of existing training data, identified by import_build_points_file, or both.

The `reuse_points` keyword controls the amount of training data used in building a surrogate model, either initially, or during iterative rebuild, as in surrogate-based optimization. If import_build_points_file is specified, `reuse_points` controls how the file contents are used. If used during iterative rebuild, it controls what data from previous surrogate builds is reused in building the current model.

- `all` (default for file import) - use all points in the file or available from previous builds
- `region` - use only the points falling in the current trust region (see surrogate_based_local)
- `none` (default when no import) - ignore the contents of the file or previous build points, and gather new training data using the specified DACE method

all

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- reuse_points
- all

Option for `reuse_points`

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on the parent page.

region

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- reuse_points
- region

Option for `reuse_points`

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on the parent page.

none

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- reuse_points
- none

Option for `reuse_points`

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This is described on the parent page.

import_build_points_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file

File containing points you wish to use to build a surrogate

Specification

Alias: import_points_file samples_file

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no point import from a file

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

The `import_build_points_file` allows the user to specify a file that contains a list of points and truth model responses used to construct a surrogate model. These can be used by all methods that (explicitly, e.g. surrogate-based optimization, or implicitly, e.g. efficient global optimization) operate on a surrogate. In particular, these points and responses are used in place of truth model evaluations to construct the initial surrogate. When used to construct surrogate models or emulators these are often called build points or training data.

Default Behavior

Be default, methods do not import points from a file.

Usage Tips

Dakota parses input files without regard to whitespace, but the import_build_points_file must be in one of three formats:

- annotated (default)
- custom_annotated
- freeform

Examples

```
method
  polynomial_chaos
    expansion_order = 4
    import_build_points_file = 'dakota_uq_rosenbrock_pce_import.annot.pts.dat'
```

annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The annotated keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify custom_annotated header eval_id

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26            0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081        0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081        0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface-_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9           1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009           1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991           1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_build_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

export_approx_points_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file

Output file for evaluations of a surrogate model

Specification

Alias: export_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no point export to a file

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format

Description

The `export_approx_points_file` keyword allows the user to specify a file in which the points (input variable values) at which the surrogate model is evaluated and corresponding response values computed by the surrogate model will be written. The response values are the surrogate's predicted approximation to the truth model responses at those points.

Usage Tips
Dakota exports tabular data in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior
By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional	interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate

- global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- export_approx_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

use_derivatives

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- use_derivatives

Use derivative data to construct surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: use function values only

Description

The `use_derivatives` flag specifies that any available derivative information should be used in global approximation builds, for those global surrogate types that support it (currently, polynomial regression and the Surfpack Gaussian process).

However, it's use with Surfpack Gaussian process is not recommended.

correction

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction

Correction approaches for surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no surrogate correction

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**correction order (Group 1)**	zeroth_order	Specify that truth values must be matched.
			first_order	Specify that truth values and gradients must be matched.
			second_order	Specify that truth values, gradients and Hessians must be matched.
	Required*(Choose One)*	**correction type (Group 2)**	additive	Additive correction factor for local surrogate accuracy

			multiplicative	Multiplicative correction factor for local surrogate accuracy.
			combined	Multipoint correction for a hierarchical surrogate

Description

Some of the surrogate model types support the use of correction factors that improve the local accuracy of the surrogate models.

The `correction` specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data, either matching truth values in the case of `zeroth_order` matching, matching truth values and gradients in the case of `first_order` matching, or matching truth values, gradients, and Hessians in the case of `second_order` matching. For `additive` and `multiplicative` corrections, the correction is local in that the truth data is matched at a single point, typically the center of the approximation region. The `additive` correction adds a scalar offset (`zeroth_order`), a linear function (`first_order`), or a quadratic function (`second_order`) to the approximation to match the truth data at the point, and the `multiplicative` correction multiplies the approximation by a scalar (`zeroth_order`), a linear function (`first_order`), or a quadratic function (`second_order`) to match the truth data at the point. The `additive first_order` case is due to[57] and the `multiplicative first_order` case is commonly known as beta correction[40]. For the `combined` correction, the use of both additive and multiplicative corrections allows the satisfaction of an additional matching condition, typically the truth function values at the previous correction point (e.g., the center of the previous trust region). The `combined` correction is then a multipoint correction, as opposed to the local `additive` and `multiplicative` corrections. Each of these correction capabilities is described in detail in[24].

The correction factors force the surrogate models to match the true function values and possibly true function derivatives at the center point of each trust region. Currently, Dakota supports either zeroth-, first-, or second-order accurate correction methods, each of which can be applied using either an additive, multiplicative, or combined correction function. For each of these correction approaches, the correction is applied to the surrogate model and the corrected model is then interfaced with whatever algorithm is being employed. The default behavior is that no correction factor is applied.

The simplest correction approaches are those that enforce consistency in function values between the surrogate and original models at a single point in parameter space through use of a simple scalar offset or scaling applied to the surrogate model. First-order corrections such as the first-order multiplicative correction (also known as beta correction[15]) and the first-order additive correction[57] also enforce consistency in the gradients and provide a much more substantial correction capability that is sufficient for ensuring provable convergence in SBO algorithms. SBO convergence rates can be further accelerated through the use of second-order corrections which also enforce consistency in the Hessians[24], where the second-order information may involve analytic, finite-difference, or quasi-Newton Hessians.

Correcting surrogate models with additive corrections involves

$$\hat{f_{hi_\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{lo}(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha(\mathbf{x}) \tag{6.1}$$

where multifidelity notation has been adopted for clarity. For multiplicative approaches, corrections take the form

$$\hat{f_{hi_\beta}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{lo}(\mathbf{x})\beta(\mathbf{x}) \tag{6.2}$$

where, for local corrections, $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$ and $\beta(\mathbf{x})$ are first or second-order Taylor series approximations to the exact correction functions:

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = A(\mathbf{x_c}) + \nabla A(\mathbf{x_c})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c})^T\nabla^2 A(\mathbf{x_c})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c}) \quad (6.3)$$

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}) = B(\mathbf{x_c}) + \nabla B(\mathbf{x_c})^T(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c})^T\nabla^2 B(\mathbf{x_c})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x_c}) \quad (6.4)$$

where the exact correction functions are

$$A(\mathbf{x}) = f_{hi}(\mathbf{x}) - f_{lo}(\mathbf{x}) \quad (6.5)$$

$$B(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{hi}(\mathbf{x})}{f_{lo}(\mathbf{x})} \quad (6.6)$$

Refer to[24] for additional details on the derivations.

A combination of additive and multiplicative corrections can provide for additional flexibility in minimizing the impact of the correction away from the trust region center. In other words, both additive and multiplicative corrections can satisfy local consistency, but through the combination, global accuracy can be addressed as well. This involves a convex combination of the additive and multiplicative corrections:

$$\hat{f_{hi_\gamma}}(\mathbf{x}) = \gamma\hat{f_{hi_\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) + (1-\gamma)\hat{f_{hi_\beta}}(\mathbf{x})$$

where γ is calculated to satisfy an additional matching condition, such as matching values at the previous design iterate.

It should be noted that in both first order correction methods, the function $\hat{f}(x)$ matches the function value and gradients of $f_t(x)$ at $x = x_c$. This property is necessary in proving that the first order-corrected SBO algorithms are provably convergent to a local minimum of $f_t(x)$. However, the first order correction methods are significantly more expensive than the zeroth order correction methods, since the first order methods require computing both $\nabla f_t(x_c)$ and $\nabla f_s(x_c)$. When the SBO strategy is used with either of the zeroth order correction methods, or with no correction method, convergence is not guaranteed to a local minimum of $f_t(x)$. That is, the SBO strategy becomes a heuristic optimization algorithm. From a mathematical point of view this is undesirable, but as a practical matter, the heuristic variants of SBO are often effective in finding local minima.

Usage guidelines

- Both the `additive` zeroth_order and `multiplicative` zeroth_order correction methods are "free" since they use values of $f_t(x_c)$ that are normally computed by the SBO strategy.

- The use of either the `additive` first_order method or the `multiplicative` first_order method does not necessarily improve the rate of convergence of the SBO algorithm.

- When using the first order correction methods, the gradient-related response keywords must be modified to allow either analytic or numerical gradients to be computed. This provides the gradient data needed to compute the correction function.

- For many computationally expensive engineering optimization problems, gradients often are too expensive to obtain or are discontinuous (or may not exist at all). In such cases the heuristic SBO algorithm has been an effective approach at identifying optimal designs[35].

zeroth_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- zeroth_order

Specify that truth values must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `zeroth_order` matching ensures that truth values are matched.

first_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- first_order

Specify that truth values and gradients must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `first_order` matching ensures that truth values and gradients are matched.

second_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- second_order

Specify that truth values, gradients and Hessians must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `second_order` matching ensures that truth values, gradients and Hessians are matched.

additive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- additive

Additive correction factor for local surrogate accuracy

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use an additive correction factor to improve the local accuracy of a surrogate.

multiplicative

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- multiplicative

Multiplicative correction factor for local surrogate accuracy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use a multiplicative correction factor to improve the local accuracy of a surrogate.

combined

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- correction
- combined

Multipoint correction for a hierarchical surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For the combined correction, the use of both additive and multiplicative corrections allows the satisfaction of an additional matching condition, typically the truth function values at the previous correction point (e.g., the center of the previous trust region). The combined correction is then a multipoint correction, as opposed to the local additive and multiplicative corrections.

metrics

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- metrics

Compute surrogate quality metrics

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: diagnostics

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: No diagnostics

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		cross_validation	Perform k-fold cross validation
	Optional		press	Leave-one-out cross validation

Description

A variety of diagnostic metrics are available to assess the goodness of fit of a global surrogate to its training data. The default diagnostics are:

- `root_mean_squared`
- `mean_abs`
- `rsquared`

Additional available diagnostics include

- `sum_squared`
- `mean_squared`
- `sum_abs`
- `max_abs`

The keywords `press` and `cross_validation` further specify leave-one-out or k-fold cross validation, respectively, for all of the active metrics from above.

Theory

Most of these diagnostics refer to some operation on the residuals (the difference between the surrogate model and the truth model at the data points upon which the surrogate is built).

For example, `sum_squared` refers to the sum of the squared residuals, and `mean_abs` refers to the mean of the absolute value of the residuals. `rsquared` refers to the R-squared value typically used in regression analysis (the proportion of the variability in the response that can be accounted for by the surrogate model). Care should be taken when interpreting metrics, for example, errors may be near zero for interpolatory models or rsquared may not be applicable for non-polynomial models.

cross_validation

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- metrics
- cross_validation

Perform k-fold cross validation

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- surrogate_models

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: No cross validation

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** folds	**Dakota Keyword Description** Number of cross validation folds
			percent	Percent data per cross validation fold

Description

General k-fold cross validation may be performed by specifying `cross_validation`. The cross-validation statistics will be calculated for all metrics.

Cross validation may further specify:

- `folds`, the number of folds into which to divide the build data (between 2 and number of data points) or

- `percent`, the fraction of data (between 0 and 0.5) to use in each fold.

These will be adjusted as needed based on the number of available training points. The default number of folds k = 10, or 0.1

folds

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- metrics
- cross_validation
- folds

Number of cross validation folds

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 10

Description

Number of folds (partitions) of the training data to use in cross validation (default 10).

percent

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- metrics
- cross_validation
- percent

Percent data per cross validation fold

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REAL
Default: 0.1

Description

Percent of the training data to use in each cross validation fold (default 0.1).

press

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- metrics
- press

Leave-one-out cross validation

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: No PRESS cross validation

Description

Leave-one-out (PRESS) cross validation may be performed by specifying `press`. The cross-validation statistics will be calculated for all metrics.

import_challenge_points_file

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file

Datafile of points to assess surrogate quality

Specification

Alias: challenge_points_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no user challenge data

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format
			freeform	Selects freeform file format
	Optional		active_only	Import only active variables from tabular data file

Description

Specifies a data file containing variable and response (truth) values, in one of three formats:

- `annotated` (default)
- `custom_annotated`
- `freeform`

The surrogate is evaluated at the points in the file, and the surrogate (approximate) responses are compared against the truth results from the file. All metrics specified with metrics will be computed for the challenge data.

annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. Each subsequent row contains an evaluation ID and interface ID, followed by data for variables, or variables followed by responses, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports and exports tabular files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- To specify pre-Dakota 6.1 tabular format, which did not include interface_id, specify `custom_annotated header eval_id`
- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export an annotated top-level tabular data file containing a header row, leading eval_id and interface_id columns, and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    annotated
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id interface             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1            NO_ID            0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2            NO_ID        0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3            NO_ID        0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		eval_id	Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		interface_id	Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file typically containing row data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well. Custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row, `eval_id` column, and `interface_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To control which header row and columns are in the input/output, specify `custom_annotated`, followed by options, in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a custom-annotated tabular file in Dakota 6.0 format, which contained only header and eval_id (no interface_id), and data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    custom_annotated header eval_id
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
%eval_id             x1             x2         obj_fn nln_ineq_con_1 nln_ineq_con_2
1                   0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
2               0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
3               0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

header

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

eval_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- custom_annotated
- eval_id

Enable evaluation ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

interface_id

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- custom_annotated
- interface_id

Enable interface ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- freeform

Selects freeform file format

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. Most commonly, each row contains data for variables, or variables followed by responses, though the format is used for other tabular exports/imports as well.

Default Behavior

The `annotated` format is the default for tabular export/import. To change this behavior, specify `freeform` in the relevant export/import context.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.
- In `freeform`, the num_rows x num_cols total data entries may be separated with any whitespace including spaces, tabs, and newlines. In this format, vectors may therefore appear as a single row or single column (or mixture; entries will populate the vector in order).
- Some TPLs like SCOLIB and JEGA manage their own file I/O and only support the `freeform` option.

Examples

Export a freeform tabular file containing only data for variables and responses. Input file fragment:

```
environment
  tabular_data
    tabular_data_file = 'dakota_summary.dat'
    freeform
```

Resulting tabular file:

```
           0.9            1.1         0.0002           0.26           0.76
       0.90009            1.1 0.0001996404857   0.2601620081       0.759955
       0.89991            1.1 0.0002003604863   0.2598380081       0.760045
...
```

active_only

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- global
- import_challenge_points_file
- active_only

Import only active variables from tabular data file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

By default, files for tabular data imports are expected to contain columns for all variables, active and inactive. The keyword `active_only` indicates that the file to import contains only the active variables.

This option should only be used in contexts where the inactive variables have no influence, for example, building a surrogate over active variables, with the state variables held at nominal. It should not be used in more complex nested contexts, where the values of inactive variables are relevant to the function evaluations used to build the surrogate.

multipoint

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- multipoint

Construct a surrogate from multiple existing training points

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		tana	Local multi-point model via two-point nonlinear approximation
	Required		actual_model_-pointer	Pointer to specify a "truth" model, from which to construct a surrogate

Description

Multipoint approximations use data from previous design points to improve the accuracy of local approximations. The data often comes from the current and previous iterates of a minimization algorithm.

Currently, only the Two-point Adaptive Nonlinearity Approximation (TANA-3) method of [91] is supported with the `tana` keyword.

The truth model to be used to generate the value/gradient data used in the approximation is identified through the required `actual_model_pointer` specification.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- local
- global
- hierarchical

tana

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- multipoint
- tana

Local multi-point model via two-point nonlinear approximation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

TANA stands for Two Point Adaptive Nonlinearity Approximation.

The TANA-3 method[91] is a multipoint approximation method based on the two point exponential approximation[25]. This approach involves a Taylor series approximation in intermediate variables where the powers used for the intermediate variables are selected to match information at the current and previous expansion points.

Theory

The form of the TANA model is:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_2) + \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_2) \frac{x_{i,2}^{1-p_i}}{p_i}(x_i^{p_i} - x_{i,2}^{p_i}) + \frac{1}{2}\epsilon(\mathbf{x}) \sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i^{p_i} - x_{i,2}^{p_i})^2$$

where n is the number of variables and:

$$p_i = 1+\ln\left[\frac{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_1)}{\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_2)}\right]\Big/\ln\left[\frac{x_{i,1}}{x_{i,2}}\right] \quad \epsilon(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{H}{\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i^{p_i}-x_{i,1}^{p_i})^2+\sum_{i=1}^{n}(x_i^{p_i}-x_{i,2}^{p_i})^2} \quad H = 2\left[f(\mathbf{x}_1)-f(\mathbf{x}_2)-\sum_{i=1}^{n}\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\mathbf{x}_2)\frac{x_{i,2}^{1-}}{p_i}\right.$$

and $\mathbf{x}_2$ and $\mathbf{x}_1$ are the current and previous expansion points. Prior to the availability of two expansion points, a first-order Taylor series is used.

actual_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- multipoint
- actual_model_pointer

Pointer to specify a "truth" model, from which to construct a surrogate

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

This must point to a model block, identified by id_model. That model will be run to generate training data, from which a surrogate model will be constructed.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

local

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- local

Build a locally accurate surrogate from data at a single point

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		taylor_series	Construct a Taylor Series expansion around a point
	Required		actual_model_-pointer	Pointer to specify a "truth" model, from which to construct a surrogate

Description

Local approximations use value, gradient, and possibly Hessian data from a single point to form a series expansion for approximating data in the vicinity of this point.

The currently available local approximation is the `taylor_series` selection.

The truth model to be used to generate the value/gradient/Hessian data used in the series expansion is identified through the required `actual_model_pointer` specification. The use of a model pointer (as opposed to an interface pointer) allows additional flexibility in defining the approximation. In particular, the derivative specification for the truth model may differ from the derivative specification for the approximation, and the truth model results being approximated may involve a model recursion (e.g., the values/gradients from a nested model).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global
- hierarchical
- multipoint

taylor_series

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- local
- taylor_series

Construct a Taylor Series expansion around a point

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

The Taylor series model is purely a local approximation method. That is, it provides local trends in the vicinity of a single point in parameter space.

The order of the Taylor series may be either first-order or second-order, which is automatically determined from the gradient and Hessian specifications in the responses specification (see responses for info on how to specify gradients and Hessians) for the truth model.

Theory

The first-order Taylor series expansion is:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \tag{6.7}$$

and the second-order expansion is:

$$\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) \approx f(\mathbf{x}_0) + \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0)^T \nabla^2_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{x}_0) \tag{6.8}$$

where $\mathbf{x}_0$ is the expansion point in n-dimensional parameter space and $f(\mathbf{x}_0)$, $\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)$, and $\nabla^2_{\mathbf{x}} f(\mathbf{x}_0)$ are the computed response value, gradient, and Hessian at the expansion point, respectively.

As dictated by the responses specification used in building the local surrogate, the gradient may be analytic or numerical and the Hessian may be analytic, numerical, or based on quasi-Newton secant updates.

In general, the Taylor series model is accurate only in the region of parameter space that is close to $\mathbf{x}_0$. While the accuracy is limited, the first-order Taylor series model reproduces the correct value and gradient at the point $\mathbf{x}_0$, and the second-order Taylor series model reproduces the correct value, gradient, and Hessian. This consistency is useful in provably-convergent surrogate-based optimization. The other surface fitting methods do not use gradient information directly in their models, and these methods rely on an external correction procedure in order to satisfy the consistency requirements of provably-convergent SBO.

actual_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- local
- actual_model_pointer

Pointer to specify a ”truth” model, from which to construct a surrogate

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

This must point to a model block, identified by id_model. That model will be run to generate training data, from which a surrogate model will be constructed.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

hierarchical

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical

Hierarchical approximations use corrected results from a low fidelity model as an approximation to the results of a high fidelity "truth" model.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		low_fidelity_-model_pointer	Pointer to low fidelity model
	Required		high_fidelity_-model_pointer	Pointer to high fidelity model
	Required		correction	Correction approaches for surrogate models

Description

Hierarchical approximations use corrected results from a low fidelity model as an approximation to the results of a high fidelity "truth" model. These approximations are also known as model hierarchy, multifidelity, variable fidelity, and variable complexity approximations. The required `low_fidelity_model_pointer` specification points to the low fidelity model specification. This model is used to generate low fidelity responses which are then corrected and returned to an iterator. The required `high_fidelity_model_pointer` specification points to the specification for the high fidelity truth model. This model is used only for verifying low fidelity results and updating low fidelity corrections. The `correction` specification specifies which correction technique will be applied to the low fidelity results in order to match the high fidelity results at one or more points. In the hierarchical case (as compared to the global case), the `correction` specification is required, since the omission of a correction technique would effectively eliminate the purpose of the high fidelity model. If it is desired to use a low fidelity model without corrections, then a hierarchical approximation is not needed and a `single` model should be used. Refer to global for additional information on available correction approaches.

Theory

Multifidelity Surrogates : Multifidelity modeling involves the use of a low-fidelity physics-based model as a surrogate for the original high-fidelity model. The low-fidelity model typically involves a coarser mesh, looser convergence tolerances, reduced element order, or omitted physics. It is a separate model in its own right and does not require data from the high-fidelity model for construction. Rather, the primary need for high-fidelity evaluations is for defining correction functions that are applied to the low-fidelity results.

Multifidelity Surrogate Models

A second type of surrogate is the {*model* hierarchy} type (also called multifidelity, variable fidelity, variable complexity, etc.). In this case, a model that is still physics-based but is of lower fidelity (e.g., coarser discretization, reduced element order, looser convergence tolerances, omitted physics) is used as the surrogate in place of the high-fidelity model. For example, an inviscid, incompressible Euler CFD model on a coarse discretization could be used as a low-fidelity surrogate for a high-fidelity Navier-Stokes model on a fine discretization.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- global
- local
- multipoint

low_fidelity_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- low_fidelity_model_pointer

Pointer to low fidelity model

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Description

`low_fidelity_model_pointer` points to the model (using its id_model label) to use for generating low fidelity responses, which are corrected and returned to an iterator as explained on the parent page.

high_fidelity_model_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- high_fidelity_model_pointer

Pointer to high fidelity model

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

Description

`high_fidelity_model_pointer` points to the model (using its id_model label) to use for verifying low fidelity results and updating low fidelity corrections, as explained on the parent page.

correction

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction

Correction approaches for surrogate models

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no surrogate correction

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**correction order (Group 1)**	zeroth_order	Specify that truth values must be matched.
			first_order	Specify that truth values and gradients must be matched.
			second_order	Specify that truth values, gradients and Hessians must be matched.
	Required*(Choose One)*	**correction type (Group 2)**	additive	Additive correction factor for local surrogate accuracy
			multiplicative	Multiplicative correction factor for local surrogate accuracy.
			combined	Multipoint correction for a hierarchical surrogate

Description

Some of the surrogate model types support the use of correction factors that improve the local accuracy of the surrogate models.

The `correction` specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data, either matching truth values in the case of `zeroth_order` matching, matching truth values and gradients in the case of `first_order` matching, or matching truth values, gradients, and Hessians in the case of `second_order` matching. For `additive` and `multiplicative` corrections, the correction is local in that the truth data is matched at a single point, typically the center of the approximation region. The `additive` correction adds a scalar offset (`zeroth_order`), a linear function (`first_order`), or a quadratic function (`second_order`) to the approximation to match the truth data at the point, and the `multiplicative` correction multiplies the approximation by a scalar (`zeroth_order`), a linear function (`first_order`), or a quadratic function (`second_order`) to match the truth data at the point. The `additive first_order` case is due to[57] and the `multiplicative first_order` case is commonly known as beta correction[40]. For the `combined` correction, the use of both additive and multiplicative corrections allows the satisfaction of an additional matching condition, typically the truth function values at the previous correction point (e.g., the center of the previous trust region). The `combined` correction is then a multipoint correction, as opposed to the local `additive` and `multiplicative` corrections. Each of these correction capabilities is described in detail in[24].

The correction factors force the surrogate models to match the true function values and possibly true function derivatives at the center point of each trust region. Currently, Dakota supports either zeroth-, first-, or second-order accurate correction methods, each of which can be applied using either an additive, multiplicative, or combined

correction function. For each of these correction approaches, the correction is applied to the surrogate model and the corrected model is then interfaced with whatever algorithm is being employed. The default behavior is that no correction factor is applied.

The simplest correction approaches are those that enforce consistency in function values between the surrogate and original models at a single point in parameter space through use of a simple scalar offset or scaling applied to the surrogate model. First-order corrections such as the first-order multiplicative correction (also known as beta correction[15]) and the first-order additive correction[57] also enforce consistency in the gradients and provide a much more substantial correction capability that is sufficient for ensuring provable convergence in SBO algorithms. SBO convergence rates can be further accelerated through the use of second-order corrections which also enforce consistency in the Hessians[24], where the second-order information may involve analytic, finite-difference, or quasi-Newton Hessians.

Correcting surrogate models with additive corrections involves

$$\hat{f_{hi_\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{lo}(\mathbf{x}) + \alpha(\mathbf{x}) \tag{6.9}$$

where multifidelity notation has been adopted for clarity. For multiplicative approaches, corrections take the form

$$\hat{f_{hi_\beta}}(\mathbf{x}) = f_{lo}(\mathbf{x})\beta(\mathbf{x}) \tag{6.10}$$

where, for local corrections, $\alpha(\mathbf{x})$ and $\beta(\mathbf{x})$ are first or second-order Taylor series approximations to the exact correction functions:

$$\alpha(\mathbf{x}) = A(\mathbf{x_c}) + \nabla A(\mathbf{x_c})^T(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c})^T\nabla^2 A(\mathbf{x_c})(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c}) \tag{6.11}$$

$$\beta(\mathbf{x}) = B(\mathbf{x_c}) + \nabla B(\mathbf{x_c})^T(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c}) + \frac{1}{2}(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c})^T\nabla^2 B(\mathbf{x_c})(\mathbf{x}-\mathbf{x_c}) \tag{6.12}$$

where the exact correction functions are

$$A(\mathbf{x}) = f_{hi}(\mathbf{x}) - f_{lo}(\mathbf{x}) \tag{6.13}$$

$$B(\mathbf{x}) = \frac{f_{hi}(\mathbf{x})}{f_{lo}(\mathbf{x})} \tag{6.14}$$

Refer to[24] for additional details on the derivations.

A combination of additive and multiplicative corrections can provide for additional flexibility in minimizing the impact of the correction away from the trust region center. In other words, both additive and multiplicative corrections can satisfy local consistency, but through the combination, global accuracy can be addressed as well. This involves a convex combination of the additive and multiplicative corrections:

$$\hat{f_{hi_\gamma}}(\mathbf{x}) = \gamma\hat{f_{hi_\alpha}}(\mathbf{x}) + (1-\gamma)\hat{f_{hi_\beta}}(\mathbf{x})$$

where γ is calculated to satisfy an additional matching condition, such as matching values at the previous design iterate.

It should be noted that in both first order correction methods, the function $\hat{f}(x)$ matches the function value and gradients of $f_t(x)$ at $x = x_c$. This property is necessary in proving that the first order-corrected SBO algorithms are provably convergent to a local minimum of $f_t(x)$. However, the first order correction methods are significantly more expensive than the zeroth order correction methods, since the first order methods require computing both $\nabla f_t(x_c)$ and $\nabla f_s(x_c)$. When the SBO strategy is used with either of the zeroth order correction methods, or with no correction method, convergence is not guaranteed to a local minimum of $f_t(x)$. That is, the SBO strategy becomes a heuristic optimization algorithm. From a mathematical point of view this is undesirable, but as a practical matter, the heuristic variants of SBO are often effective in finding local minima.

Usage guidelines

- Both the `additive` zeroth_order and `multiplicative` zeroth_order correction methods are "free" since they use values of $f_t(x_c)$ that are normally computed by the SBO strategy.
- The use of either the `additive` first_order method or the `multiplicative` first_order method does not necessarily improve the rate of convergence of the SBO algorithm.
- When using the first order correction methods, the gradient-related response keywords must be modified to allow either analytic or numerical gradients to be computed. This provides the gradient data needed to compute the correction function.
- For many computationally expensive engineering optimization problems, gradients often are too expensive to obtain or are discontinuous (or may not exist at all). In such cases the heuristic SBO algorithm has been an effective approach at identifying optimal designs[35].

zeroth_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- zeroth_order

Specify that truth values must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `zeroth_order` matching ensures that truth values are matched.

first_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- first_order

Specify that truth values and gradients must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `first_order` matching ensures that truth values and gradients are matched.

second_order

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- second_order

Specify that truth values, gradients and Hessians must be matched.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The correction specification specifies that the approximation will be corrected to match truth data. The keyword `second_order` matching ensures that truth values, gradients and Hessians are matched.

additive

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- additive

Additive correction factor for local surrogate accuracy

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use an additive correction factor to improve the local accuracy of a surrogate.

multiplicative

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- multiplicative

Multiplicative correction factor for local surrogate accuracy.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Use a multiplicative correction factor to improve the local accuracy of a surrogate.

combined

- Keywords Area
- model
- surrogate
- hierarchical
- correction
- combined

Multipoint correction for a hierarchical surrogate

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

For the combined correction, the use of both additive and multiplicative corrections allows the satisfaction of an additional matching condition, typically the truth function values at the previous correction point (e.g., the center of the previous trust region). The combined correction is then a multipoint correction, as opposed to the local additive and multiplicative corrections.

6.3.7 nested

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested

A model whose responses are computed through the use of a sub-iterator

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		optional_interface-_pointer	Pointer to interface that provides non-nested responses
	Required		sub_method_-pointer	The `sub_method_-pointer` specifies the method block for the sub-iterator

Description

Instead of appealing directly to a primary interface, a nested model maps variables to responses by executing a secondary iterator, or a "sub-iterator". In other words, a function evaluation of the primary study consists of a solution of an entire secondary study - potentially many secondary function evaluations.

The sub-iterator in turn operates on a sub-model. The sub-iterator responses may be combined with non-nested contributions from an optional interface specification.

A **`sub_method_pointer`** must be provided in order to specify the method block describing the sub-iterator. The remainder of the model is specified under that keyword.

A **`optional_interface_pointer` points** to the interface specification and `optional_interface-_responses_pointer` points to a responses specification describing the data to be returned by this interface). This interface is used to provide non-nested data, which is then combined with data from the nested iterator using the `primary_response_mapping` and `secondary_response_mapping` inputs (see mapping discussion below).

Examples

An example of variable and response mappings is provided below:

```
primary_variable_mapping   = '' '' 'X'   'Y'
secondary_variable_mapping = '' '' 'mean' 'mean'
primary_response_mapping   = 1. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0.
secondary_response_mapping = 0. 0. 0. 1. 3. 0. 0. 0. 0.
                             0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 0. 1. 3. 0.
```

The variable mappings correspond to 4 top-level variables, the first two of which employ the default mappings from active top-level variables to sub-model variables of the same type (option 3 above) and the latter two of which are inserted into the mean distribution parameters of sub-model variables `'X'` and `'Y'` (option 1 above). The response mappings define a 3 by 9 matrix corresponding to 9 inner loop response attributes and 3 outer loop response functions (one primary response function and 2 secondary functions, such as one objective and two constraints). Each row of the response mapping is a vector which is multiplied (i.e, with a dot-product) against the 9 sub-iterator values to determine the outer loop function. Consider a UQ example with 3 response functions, each providing a mean, a standard deviation, and one level mapping (if no level mappings are specified, the responses would only have a mean and standard deviation). The primary response mapping can be seen to extract the first value from the inner loop, which would correspond to the mean of the first response function. This mapped sub-iterator response becomes a single objective function, least squares term, or generic response function at the outer level, as dictated by the top-level response specification. The secondary response mapping maps the fourth sub-iterator response function plus 3 times the fifth sub-iterator response function (mean plus 3 standard deviations) into one top-level nonlinear constraint and the seventh sub-iterator response function plus 3 times the eighth sub-iterator response function (mean plus 3 standard deviations) into another top-level nonlinear constraint, where these top-level nonlinear constraints may be inequality or equality, as dictated by the top-level response specification. Note that a common case is for each sub-iterator response to be mapped to a unique outer loop response (for example, in the nested UQ case where one wants to determine an interval on each inner loop statistic). In these simple cases, the response mapping would define an identity matrix.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- single
- surrogate

optional_interface_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- optional_interface_pointer

Pointer to interface that provides non-nested responses

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no optional interface

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		optional_interface-_responses_pointer	Pointer to responses block that defines non-nested responses

Description

optional_interface_pointer is used to specify an optional inferface (using that interface block's id_-interface label) to provide non-nested responses, which will be combined with respones from the nested sub-iterator. The primary_response_mapping and secondary_response_mapping keywords control how responses are combined.

optional_interface_responses_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- optional_interface_pointer
- optional_interface_responses_pointer

Pointer to responses block that defines non-nested responses

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: reuse of top-level responses specification

Description

optional_interface_responses_pointer points to the reponses block (specifically, its id_responses label) that defines the non-nested response to return to the nested model. The primary_response_mapping and secondary_response_mapping keywords control how these non-nested respones are combined with responses from the nested sub-iterator. If optional_interface_responses_pointer is not provided, the top-level responses specification is reused.

sub_method_pointer

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer

The `sub_method_pointer` specifies the method block for the sub-iterator

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		iterator_servers	Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional		iterator_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional		processors_per_-iterator	Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional		primary_variable_-mapping	Primary mappning of top-level variables to sub-model variables

	Optional	secondary_variable_mapping	Secondary mappning of top-level variables to sub-model variables
	Optional	primary_response_mapping	Primary mappning of sub-model responses to top-level responses
	Optional	secondary_response_mapping	Secondary mappning of sub-model responses to top-level responses

Description

The `sub_method_pointer` specifies the method block for the sub-iterator.

See block_pointer for details about pointers.

Nested models may employ mappings for both the variable inputs to the sub-model and the response outputs from the sub-model. In the former case, the `primary_variable_mapping` and `secondary_variable_mapping` specifications are used to map from the active top-level variables into the sub-model variables, and in the latter case, the `primary_response_mapping` and `secondary_response_mapping` specifications are used to compute the sub-model response contributions to the top-level responses.

For the variable mappings, the primary and secondary specifications provide lists of strings which are used to target specific sub-model variables and their sub-parameters, respectively. The primary strings are matched to continuous or discrete variable labels such as `'cdv_1'` (either user-supplied or default labels), and the secondary strings are matched to either real or integer random variable distribution parameters such as `'mean'` or `'num_trials'` (the form of the uncertain distribution parameter keyword that is appropriate for a single variable instance) or continuous or discrete design/state variable sub-parameters such as `'lower_bound'` or `'upper_bound'` (again, keyword form appropriate for a single variable instance). No coercion of types is supported, so real-valued top-level variables should map to either real-valued sub-model variables or real-valued sub-parameters and integer-valued top-level variables should map to either integer-valued sub-model variables or integer-valued sub-parameters. As long as these real versus integer constraints are satisfied, mappings are free to cross variable types (design, aleatory uncertain, epistemic uncertain, state) and domain types (continuous, discrete). Both `primary_variable_mapping` and `secondary_variable_mapping` specifications are optional, which is designed to support the following three possibilities:

1. If both primary and secondary variable mappings are specified, then an active top-level variable value will be inserted into the identified sub-parameter (the secondary mapping) for the identified sub-model variable (the primary mapping).

2. If a primary mapping is specified but a secondary mapping is not, then an active top-level variable value will be inserted into the identified sub-model variable value (the primary mapping).

3. If a primary mapping is not specified (corresponding secondary mappings, if specified, are ignored), then an active top-level variable value will be inserted into a corresponding sub-model variable, based on matching of variable types (e.g., top-level and sub-model variable specifications both allocate a set of `'continuous_design'` variables which are active at the top level). Multiple sub-model variable types may be updated in this manner, provided that they are all active in the top-level variables. Since there is a direct variable correspondence for these default insertions, sub-model bounds and labels are also updated

from the top-level bounds and labels in order to eliminate the need for redundant input file specifications. Thus, it is typical for the sub-model variables specification to only contain the minimal required information, such as the number of variables, for these insertion targets. The sub-model must allocate enough space for each of the types that will accept default insertions, and the leading set of matching sub-model variables are updated (i.e., the sub-model may allocate more than needed and the trailing set will be unmodified).

These different variable mapping possibilities may be used in any combination by employing empty strings (`''`) for particular omitted mappings (the number of strings in user-supplied primary and secondary variable mapping specifications must equal the total number of active top-level variables, including both continuous and discrete types). The ordering of the active variables is the same as shown in dakota.input.summary on Input Spec Summary and as presented in variables.

If inactive variables are present at the outer level, then the default type 3 mapping is used for these variables; that is, outer loop inactive variables are inserted into inner loop variables (active or inactive) based on matching of variable types, top-level bounds and labels are also propagated, the inner loop must allocate sufficient space to receive the outer loop values, and the leading subset within this inner loop allocation is updated. This capability is important for allowing nesting beyond two levels, since an active variable at the outer-most loop may become inactive at the next lower level, but still needs to be further propagated down to lower levels in the recursion.

For the response mappings, the primary and secondary specifications provide real-valued multipliers to be applied to sub-iterator response results so that the responses from the inner loop can be mapped into a new set of responses at the outer loop. For example, if the nested model is being employed within a mixed aleatory-epistemic uncertainty quantification, then aleatory statistics from the inner loop (such as moments of the response) are mapped to the outer level, where minima and maxima of these aleatory statistics are computed as functions of the epistemic parameters. The response mapping defines a matrix which scales the values from the inner loop and determines their position in the outer loop response vector. Each row of the mapping corresponds to one outer loop response, where each column of the mapping corresponds to a value from the inner loop. Depending on the number of responses and the particular attributes calculated on the inner loop, there will be a vector of inner loop response values that need to be accounted for in the mapping. This vector of inner loop response results is defined as follows for different sub-iterator types:

- optimization: the final objective function(s) and nonlinear constraints
- nonlinear least squares: the final least squares terms and nonlinear constraints
- aleatory uncertainty quantification (UQ): for each response function, a mean statistic, a standard deviation statistic, and all probability/reliability/generalized reliability/response level results for any user-specified `response_levels`, `probability_levels`, `reliability_levels`, and/or `gen_reliability_levels`, in that order.
- epistemic and mixed aleatory/epistemic UQ using interval estimation methods: lower and upper interval bounds for each response function.
- epistemic and mixed aleatory/epistemic UQ using evidence methods: for each response function, lower and upper interval bounds (belief and plausibility) for all probability/reliability/generalized reliability/response level results computed from any user-specified `response_levels`, `probability_levels`, `reliability_levels`, and/or `gen_reliability_levels`, in that order.
- parameter studies and design of experiments: for optimization and least squares response data sets, the best solution found (lowest constraint violation if infeasible, lowest composite objective function if feasible). For generic response data sets, a best solution metric is not defined, so the sub-iterator response vector is empty in this case.

The primary values map sub-iterator response results into top-level objective functions, least squares terms, or generic response functions, depending on the declared top-level response set. The secondary values map sub-iterator response results into top-level nonlinear inequality and equality constraints.

Nested models utilize a sub-iterator and a sub-model to perform a complete iterative study as part of every evaluation of the model. This sub-iteration accepts variables from the outer level, performs the sub-level analysis, and computes a set of sub-level responses which are passed back up to the outer level. Mappings are employed for both the variable inputs to the sub-model and the response outputs from the sub-model.

In the variable mapping case, primary and secondary variable mapping specifications are used to map from the top-level variables into the sub-model variables. These mappings support three possibilities in any combination: (1) insertion of an active top-level variable value into an identified sub-model distribution parameter for an identified active sub-model variable, (2) insertion of an active top-level variable value into an identified active sub-model variable value, and (3) addition of an active top-level variable value as an inactive sub-model variable, augmenting the active sub-model variables.

In the response mapping case, primary and secondary response mapping specifications are used to map from the sub-model responses back to the top-level responses. These specifications provide real-valued multipliers that are applied to the sub-iterator response results to define the outer level response set. These nested data results may be combined with non-nested data through use of the "optional interface" component within nested models.

The nested model constructs admit a wide variety of multi-iterator, multi-model solution approaches. For example, optimization within optimization (for hierarchical multidisciplinary optimization), uncertainty quantification within uncertainty quantification (for second-order probability), uncertainty quantification within optimization (for optimization under uncertainty), and optimization within uncertainty quantification (for uncertainty of optima) are all supported, with and without surrogate model indirection. Several examples of nested model usage are provided in the Users Manual, most notably mixed epistemic-aleatory UQ, optimization under uncertainty (OUU), and surrogate-based UQ.

iterator_servers

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- iterator_servers

Specify the number of iterator servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

iterator_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- iterator_scheduling

Specify the scheduling of concurrent iterators when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** master	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `iterator_scheduling` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of iterator servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

master

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- iterator_scheduling
- master

Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the ”master”) dynamically schedules work on the iterator servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- iterator_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel iterator scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to iterator servers. Note that unlike the case of `evaluation_scheduling`, it is not possible to specify `static` or `dynamic`.

processors_per_iterator

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- processors_per_iterator

Specify the number of processors per iterator server when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

An important feature for component-based iterators is that execution of sub-iterator runs may be performed concurrently. The optional `processors_per_iterator` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of processors in each iterator server. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired server size at the iterator parallelism level. Currently, `hybrid`, `multi_start`, and `pareto_set` component-based iterators support concurrency in their sub-iterators. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual[4] for additional information.

primary_variable_mapping

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested

- sub_method_pointer
- primary_variable_mapping

Primary mappning of top-level variables to sub-model variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: default variable insertions based on variable type

Description

The `primary_variable_mapping`, `secondary_variable_mapping`, `primary_response_mapping`, and `secondary_response_mapping` keywords control how top-level variables and responses are mapped to variables and responses in the sub-model. Their usage is explained on the parent keyword (`sub_method_pointer`) page.

secondary_variable_mapping

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- secondary_variable_mapping

Secondary mappning of top-level variables to sub-model variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: primary mappings into sub-model variables are value-based

Description

The `primary_variable_mapping`, `secondary_variable_mapping`, `primary_response_mapping`, and `secondary_response_mapping` keywords control how top-level variables and responses are mapped to variables and responses in the sub-model. Their usage is explained on the parent keyword (`sub_method_pointer`) page.

primary_response_mapping

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- primary_response_mapping

Primary mappning of sub-model responses to top-level responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no sub-iterator contribution to primary functions

Description

The `primary_variable_mapping`, `secondary_variable_mapping`, `primary_response_mapping`, and `secondary_response_mapping` keywords control how top-level variables and responses are mapped to variables and responses in the sub-model. Their usage is explained on the parent keyword (`sub_method_pointer`) page.

secondary_response_mapping

- Keywords Area
- model
- nested
- sub_method_pointer
- secondary_response_mapping

Secondary mappning of sub-model responses to top-level responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: no sub-iterator contribution to secondary functions

Description

The `primary_variable_mapping`, `secondary_variable_mapping`, `primary_response_mapping`, and `secondary_response_mapping` keywords control how top-level variables and responses are mapped to variables and responses in the sub-model. Their usage is explained on the parent keyword (`sub_method_pointer`) page.

6.4 variables

- Keywords Area
- variables

Specifies the parameter set to be iterated by a particular method.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		id_variables	Name the variables block; helpful when there are multiple
	Optional		active	Set the active variables view a method will see
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	mixed	Maintain continuous/discrete variable distinction
			relaxed	Allow treatment of discrete variables as continuous
	Optional		continuous_design	Continuous design variables; each defined by a real interval

	Optional	discrete_design_range	Discrete design variables; each defined by an integer interval
	Optional	discrete_design_set	Set-valued discrete design variables
	Optional	normal_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - normal (Gaussian)
	Optional	lognormal_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - lognormal
	Optional	uniform_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - uniform
	Optional	loguniform_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - loguniform
	Optional	triangular_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - triangular
	Optional	exponential_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - exponential
	Optional	beta_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - beta
	Optional	gamma_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - gamma
	Optional	gumbel_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - gumbel
	Optional	frechet_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - Frechet
	Optional	weibull_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - Weibull
	Optional	histogram_bin_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - continuous histogram

	Optional	poisson_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - Poisson
	Optional	binomial_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - binomial
	Optional	negative_binomial_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - negative binomial
	Optional	geometric_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - geometric
	Optional	hypergeometric_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - hypergeometric
	Optional	histogram_point_uncertain	Aleatory uncertain variable - discrete histogram
	Optional	uncertain_correlation_matrix	Correlation among aleatory uncertain variables
	Optional	continuous_interval_uncertain	Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more continuous intervals
	Optional	discrete_interval_uncertain	Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more discrete intervals
	Optional	discrete_uncertain_set	Set-valued discrete uncertain variables
	Optional	continuous_state	Continuous state variables
	Optional	discrete_state_range	Discrete state variables; each defined by an integer interval

	Optional	discrete_state_set	Set-valued discrete state variables

Description

The `variables` specification in a Dakota input file specifies the parameter set to be iterated by a particular method.

In the case of

- An optimization study:
  - These variables are adjusted in order to locate an optimal design.
- Parameter studies/sensitivity analysis/design of experiments:
  - These parameters are perturbed to explore the parameter space.
- Uncertainty analysis:
  - The variables are associated with distribution/interval characterizations which are used to compute corresponding distribution/interval characterizations for response functions.

To accommodate these different studies, Dakota supports different:

- Variable types
  - design
  - aleatory uncertain
  - epistemic uncertain
  - state
- Variable domains
  - continuous
  - discrete
    - discrete range
    - discrete integer set
    - discrete string set
    - discrete real set

Use the variables page to browse the available variables by type and domain.

Variable Types

- Design Variables
  - Design variables are those variables which are modified for the purposes of computing an optimal design.
  - The most common type of design variables encountered in engineering applications are of the continuous type. These variables may assume any real value within their bounds.
  - All but a handful of the optimization algorithms in Dakota support continuous design variables exclusively.

- Aleatory Uncertain Variables
  - Aleatory uncertainty is also known as inherent variability, irreducible uncertainty, or randomness.
  - Aleatory uncertainty is predominantly characterized using probability theory. This is the only option implemented in Dakota.
- Epistemic Uncertain Variables
  - Epistemic uncertainty is uncertainty due to lack of knowledge.
  - In Dakota, epistemic uncertainty is characterized by interval analysis or the Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.
  - Note that epistemic uncertainty can also be modeled with probability density functions (as done with aleatory uncertainty). Dakota does not support this capability.
- State Variables
  - State variables consist of "other" variables which are to be mapped through the simulation interface, in that they are not to be used for design and they are not modeled as being uncertain.
  - State variables provide a convenient mechanism for managing additional model parameterizations such as mesh density, simulation convergence tolerances, and time step controls.
  - Only parameter studies and design of experiments methods will iterate on state variables.
  - The `initial_value` is used as the only value for the state variable for all other methods, unless `active state` is invoked.
  - See more details on the state_variables page.

Variable Domains

Continuous variables are defined by bounds. Discrete variables can be defined in one of three ways, which are discussed on the page discrete_variables.

Ordering of Variables

The ordering of variables is important, and a consistent ordering is employed throughout the Dakota software. The ordering is shown in dakota.input.summary and can be summarized as:

1. design
   (a) continuous
   (b) discrete integer
   (c) discrete string
   (d) discrete real
2. aleatory uncertain
   (a) continuous
   (b) discrete integer
   (c) discrete string
   (d) discrete real
3. epistemic uncertain
   (a) continuous

(b) discrete integer

(c) discrete string

(d) discrete real

4. state

(a) continuous

(b) discrete integer

(c) discrete string

(d) discrete real

Ordering of variable types below this granularity (e.g., from normal to histogram bin within aleatory uncertain - continuous) is defined somewhat arbitrarily, but is enforced consistently throughout the code.

Active Variables

The reason variable types exist is that methods have the capability to treat variable types differently. All methods have default behavior that determines which variable types are "active" and will be assigned values by the method. For example, optimization methods will only vary the design variables - by default.

The default behavior should be described on each method page, or on topics pages that relate to classes of methods. In addition, the default behavior can be modified using the active keyword.

Examples

Several examples follow. In the first example, two continuous design variables are specified:

```
variables,
    continuous_design = 2
      initial_point    0.9    1.1
      upper_bounds     5.8    2.9
      lower_bounds     0.5   -2.9
      descriptors   'radius' 'location'
```

In the next example, defaults are employed. In this case, `initial_point` will default to a vector of `0.` values, `upper_bounds` will default to vector values of `DBL_MAX` (the maximum number representable in double precision for a particular platform, as defined in the platform's `float.h` C header file), `lower_bounds` will default to a vector of `-DBL_MAX` values, and `descriptors` will default to a vector of `'cdv_i'` strings, where `i` ranges from one to two:

```
variables,
    continuous_design = 2
```

In the following example, the syntax for a normal-lognormal distribution is shown. One normal and one lognormal uncertain variable are completely specified by their means and standard deviations. In addition, the dependence structure between the two variables is specified using the `uncertain_correlation_matrix`.

```
variables,
        normal_uncertain    =  1
          means             =  1.0
          std_deviations    =  1.0
          descriptors       =  'TF1n'
        lognormal_uncertain =  1
          means             =  2.0
          std_deviations    =  0.5
          descriptors       =  'TF2ln'
        uncertain_correlation_matrix =  1.0 0.2
                                        0.2 1.0
```

An example of the syntax for a state variables specification follows:

```
variables,
        continuous_state = 1
          initial_state       4.0
          lower_bounds        0.0
          upper_bounds        8.0
          descriptors        'CS1'
        discrete_state_range = 1
          initial_state       104
          lower_bounds        100
          upper_bounds        110
          descriptors        'DS1'
```

And in a more advanced example, a variables specification containing a set identifier, continuous and discrete design variables, normal and uniform uncertain variables, and continuous and discrete state variables is shown:

```
variables,
    id_variables = 'V1'
    continuous_design = 2
      initial_point    0.9    1.1
      upper_bounds     5.8    2.9
      lower_bounds     0.5   -2.9
      descriptors   'radius' 'location'
    discrete_design_range = 1
      initial_point    2
      upper_bounds     1
      lower_bounds     3
      descriptors   'material'
    normal_uncertain = 2
      means          =  248.89, 593.33
      std_deviations =   12.4,   29.7
      descriptors    =  'TF1n'   'TF2n'
    uniform_uncertain = 2
      lower_bounds =  199.3,  474.63
      upper_bounds =  298.5,  712.
      descriptors  =  'TF1u'   'TF2u'
    continuous_state = 2
      initial_state = 1.e-4  1.e-6
      descriptors   = 'EPSIT1' 'EPSIT2'
    discrete_state_set_int = 1
      initial_state = 100
      set_values    = 100 212 375
      descriptors   = 'load_case'
```

6.4.1 id_variables

- Keywords Area
- variables
- id_variables

Name the variables block; helpful when there are multiple

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: use of last variables parsed

Description

The optional set identifier specification uses the keyword `id_variables` to input a unique string for use in identifying a particular variables set. A model can then identify the use of this variables set by specifying the same string in its `variables_pointer` specification.

If the `id_variables` specification is omitted, a particular variables set will be used by a model only if that model omits specifying a `variables_pointer` and if the variables set was the last set parsed (or is the only set parsed). In common practice, if only one variables set exists, then `id_variables` can be safely omitted from the variables specification and `variables_pointer` can be omitted from the model specification(s), since there is no potential for ambiguity in this case.

Examples

For example, a model whose specification contains `variables_pointer = 'V1'` will use a variables specification containing the set identifier `id_variables = 'V1'`.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- variables_pointer

6.4.2 active

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active

Set the active variables view a method will see

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Infer from response or method specification

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword all	Dakota Keyword Description Option for the `active` keyword
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**		

			design	Option for the `active` keyword
			uncertain	Option for the `active` keyword
			aleatory	Option for the `active` keyword
			epistemic	Option for the `active` keyword
			state	Option for the `active` keyword

Description

There are certain situations where the user may want to explicitly control the subset of variables that is considered active for a certain Dakota method. This is done by specifying the keyword `active` in the variables specification block, followed by one of the following: `all`, `design`, `uncertain`, `aleatory`, `epistemic`, or `state`.

Specifying one of these subsets of variables will allow the Dakota method to operate on the specified variable types and override the default active subset.

If the user does not specify any explicit override of the active view of the variables, Dakota first considers the response function specification.

- If the user specifies objective functions or calibration terms in the response specification block, then we can infer that the active variables should be the design variables (since design variables are used within optimization and least squares methods).
- If the user instead specifies the generic response type of `response_functions`, then Dakota cannot infer the active variable subset from the response specification and will instead infer it from the method selection.

  1. If the method is a parameter study, or any of the methods available under dace, psuade, or fsu methods, the active view is set to all variables.
  2. For uncertainty quantification methods, if the method is sampling, then the view is set to aleatory if only aleatory variables are present, epistemic if only epistemic variables are present, or uncertain (covering both aleatory and epistemic) if both are present.
  3. If the uncertainty method involves interval estimation or evidence calculations, the view is set to epistemic.
  4. For other uncertainty quantification methods not mentioned in the previous sentences (e.g., reliability methods or stochastic expansion methods), the default view is set to aleatory.
  5. Finally, for verification studies using the Richardson extrapolation method, the active view is set to state.
  6. Note that in surrogate-based optimization, where the surrogate is built on points defined by the method defined by the `dace_method_pointer`, the sampling used to generate the points is performed only over the design variables as a default unless otherwise specified (e.g. state variables will not be sampled for surrogate construction).

As alluded to in the previous section, the iterative method selected for use in Dakota determines what subset, or view, of the variables data is active in the iteration. The general case of having a mixture of various different types of variables is supported within all of the Dakota methods even though certain methods will only modify certain types of variables (e.g., optimizers and least squares methods only modify design variables, and uncertainty quantification methods typically only utilize uncertain variables). This implies that variables which are not under

the direct control of a particular iterator will be mapped through the interface in an unmodified state. This allows for a variety of parameterizations within the model in addition to those which are being used by a particular iterator, which can provide the convenience of consolidating the control over various modeling parameters in a single file (the Dakota input file). An important related point is that the variable set that is active with a particular iterator is the same variable set for which derivatives are typically computed.

Examples

For example, the default behavior for a nondeterministic sampling method is to sample the uncertain variables. However, if the user specifed `active all` in the variables specification block, the sampling would be performed over all variables (e.g. design and state variables in addition to the uncertain variables). This may be desired in situations such as surrogate-based optimization under uncertainty, where a surrogate may be constructed to span both design and uncertain variables. This is an example where we expand the active subset beyond the default, but in other situations, we may wish to restrict from the default. An example of this would be performing design of experiments in the presence of multiple variable types (for which all types are active by default), but only wanting to sample over the design variables for purposes of constructing a surrogate model for optimization.

Theory

The optional status of the different variable type specifications allows the user to specify only those variables which are present (rather than explicitly specifying that the number of a particular type of variables is zero). However, at least one type of variables that are active for the iterator in use must have nonzero size or an input error message will result.

all

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active
- all

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

design

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active

- design

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active
- uncertain

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

aleatory

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active
- aleatory

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

epistemic

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active
- epistemic

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- active
- state

Option for the `active` keyword

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See the active keyword

6.4.3 mixed

- Keywords Area
- variables
- mixed

Maintain continuous/discrete variable distinction

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: relaxed (branch and bound), mixed (all other methods)

Description

The variables domain specifies how the discrete variables are treated. If the user specifies `mixed` in the variable specification block, the continuous and discrete variables are treated separately. If the user specifies `relaxed` in the variable specification block, the discrete variables are relaxed and treated as continuous variables. This may be useful in optimization problems involving both continuous and discrete variables when a user would like to use an optimization method that is designed for continuous variable optimization. All Dakota methods have a default value of mixed for the domain type except for the branch-and-bound method which has a default domain type of relaxed. Note that the branch-and-bound method is under development at this time. Finally, note that the domain selection applies to all variable types: design, aleatory uncertain, epistemic uncertain, and state.

With respect to domain type, if the user does not specify an explicit override of `mixed` or `relaxed`, Dakota infers the domain type from the method. As mentioned above, all methods currently use a mixed domain as a default, except the branch-and-bound method which is under development.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- relaxed

6.4.4 relaxed

- Keywords Area
- variables
- relaxed

Allow treatment of discrete variables as continuous

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The variables domain specifies how the discrete variables are treated. If the user specifies `mixed` in the variable specification block, the continuous and discrete variables are treated separately. If the user specifies `relaxed` in the variable specification block, the discrete variables are relaxed and treated as continuous variables. This may be useful in optimization problems involving both continuous and discrete variables when a user would like to use an optimization method that is designed for continuous variable optimization. All Dakota methods have a default value of mixed for the domain type except for the branch-and-bound method which has a default domain type of relaxed. Note that the branch-and-bound method is under development at this time. Finally, note that the domain selection applies to all variable types: design, aleatory uncertain, epistemic uncertain, and state.

With respect to domain type, if the user does not specify an explicit override of `mixed` or `relaxed`, Dakota infers the domain type from the method. As mentioned above, all methods currently use a mixed domain as a default, except the branch-and-bound method which is under development.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mixed

6.4.5 continuous_design

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design

Continuous design variables; each defined by a real interval

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no continuous design variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		scale_types	Specify scaling for the variables
	Optional		scales	Specify scaling for the variable.
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Continuous variables that are changed during the search for the optimal design.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: cdv_initial_point
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0.0

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: cdv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: -infinity

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: cdv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: infinity

Description

Specify maximium values

scale_types

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- scale_types

Specify scaling for the variables

Specification

Alias: cdv_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: vector values = 'none'

Description

For continuous variables, the `scale_types` specification includes strings specifying the scaling type for each component of the continuous design variables vector in methods that support scaling, when scaling is enabled.

Each entry in `scale_types` may be selected from `'none'`, `'value'`, `'auto'`, or `'log'`, to select no, characteristic value, automatic, or logarithmic scaling, respectively. If a single string is specified it will apply to all components of the continuous design variables vector. Each entry in `scales` may be a user-specified nonzero real characteristic value to be used in scaling each variable component. These values are ignored for scaling type `'none'`, required for `'value'`, and optional for `'auto'` and `'log'`. If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the continuous design variables vector.

Examples

Two continuous design variables, one scaled by a value, the other log scaled,

```
continuous_design = 2
  initial_point    -1.2      1.0
  lower_bounds     -2.0      0.001
  upper_bounds      2.0      2.0
  descriptors       'x1'     "x2"
  scale_types =     'value' 'log'
  scales =          4.0      0.1
```

scales

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- scales

Specify scaling for the variable.

Specification

Alias: cdv_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 1 . (no scaling)

Description

For continuous variables, the `scale_types` specification includes strings specifying the scaling type for each component of the continuous design variables vector in methods that support scaling, when scaling is enabled. Each entry in `scale_types` may be selected from `'none'`, `'value'`, `'auto'`, or `'log'`, to select no, characteristic value, automatic, or logarithmic scaling, respectively. If a single string is specified it will apply to all components of the continuous design variables vector. Each entry in `scales` may be a user-specified nonzero real characteristic value to be used in scaling each variable component. These values are ignored for scaling type `'none'`, required for `'value'`, and optional for `'auto'` and `'log'`. If a single real value is specified it will apply to all components of the continuous design variables vector.

Examples

Two continuous design variables, both scaled by the characteristic value 4.0

```
continuous_design = 2
  initial_point    -1.2      1.0
  lower_bounds     -200      0.001
  upper_bounds      200      2.0
  descriptors       'x1'     "x2"
  scale_types = 'value' 'none'
  scales = 10.0
```

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_design
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: cdv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: cdv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.6 discrete_design_range

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_range

Discrete design variables; each defined by an integer interval

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete design variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

These variables take on a range of integer values from the specified lower bound to the specified upper bound. The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_range
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: ddv_initial_point
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: 0

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_range
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: ddv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: INT_MIN

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_range
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: ddv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: INT_MAX

Description

Specify maximium values

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_range
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: ddv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: ddriv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.7 discrete_design_set

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set

Set-valued discrete design variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		integer	Integer-valued discrete design variables
	Optional		string	String-valued discrete design set variables
	Optional		real	Real-valued discrete design variables

Description

Discrete design variables whose values come from a set of admissible elements. Each variable specified must be of type integer, string, or real.

integer

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer

Integer-valued discrete design variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no discrete design set integer variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	elements_per_variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required	elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional	categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

A design variable whose values come from a specified set of admissible integers. The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

Examples

Four integer variables whose values will be selected from the following sets during the search for an optimal design. $y1 \in \{0, 1\}$, $y2 \in \{0, 1\}$, $y3 \in \{0, 5\}$ and $y4 \in \{10, 15, 20, 23\}$.

```
discrete_design_set
  integer 4
    descriptors           'y1'  'y2'  'y3'  'y4'
    elements_per_variable 2     2     2     4
    elements              0 1   0 1   0 5   10 15 20 23
```

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		adjacency_matrix	1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]∗

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

adjacency_matrix

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- categorical
- adjacency_matrix

1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The adjacency_matrix keyword is associated with discrete_design_set variables that are specified to be categorical. Each such variable is associated with one $k \times k$ symmetric matrix, where k is the number of values (or levels) of the variable. Entry i, j of a matrix should be 1 if level i and level j are related by some subjective criteria or if $i = j$; it should be 0 otherwise. The matrices for all variables of the same type (string, real, or integer) are entered sequentially as a list of integers as shown in the examples below.

Default Behavior

The adjacency_matrix keyword is only relevant for discrete_design_set real and discrete_design_set integer variables if one or more of them have been specified to be categorical. It is always relevant for discrete_design_set string variables. If the user does not define an adjacency matrix, the default is method dependent. Currently, the only method that makes use of the adjacency matrix is mesh_adaptive_search, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default.

Expected Output

The expected output is method dependent.

Usage Tips

If an adjacency matrix is defined for one type of (categorical) discrete_design_set variable, if must be defined for all variables of that type, even for those not defined to be categorical. Those for the non-categorical set variables will be ignored.

Examples

The following example shows a variables specification where some real and some integer discrete_design_set variables are categorical.

```
variables
  continuous_design = 3
    initial_point  -1.0    1.5   2.0
    lower_bounds  -10.0  -10.0 -10.0
    upper_bounds   10.0   10.0  10.0
    descriptors    'x1'   'x2'  'x3'
  discrete_design_range = 2
    initial_point  2     2
    lower_bounds   1     1
    upper_bounds   4     9
    descriptors   'y1'  'y2'
  discrete_design_set
    real = 2
      elements_per_variable = 4 5
      elements  =  1.2 2.3 3.4 4.5 1.2 3.3 4.4 5.5 7.7
      descriptors  'y3'            'y4'
      categorical  'no'            'yes'
      adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0  # Begin entry of 4x4 matrix for y3
                       1 1 1 0
                       0 1 1 1
                       0 0 1 1
                       1 0 1 0 1 # Begin entry of 5x5 matrix for y4
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
    integer = 2
      elements_per_variable = 2 3
      elements  =  4  7  8  9  12
      descriptors  'z1'  'z2'
      categorical  'yes' 'yes'
```

Note that for the real case, the user wants to define an adjacency matrix for the categorical variable, so adjacency matrices for both variables must be specified. The matrix for the first one will be ignored. Note that no adjacency matrix is specified for either integer categorical variable. The default will be used in both cases. Currently the only method taking advantage of adjacency matrices is `mesh_adaptive_search`, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default. Thus, the matrices used would be

```
z1: 1 1
    1 1
z2: 1 1 0
    1 1 1
    0 1 1
```

The following example shows a variables specification for string variables. Note that string variables are always considered to be categorical. If an adjacency matrix is not specified, a method-dependent default matrix will be used.

```
variables,
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point  0.5  0.5
    lower_bounds   0.   0.
    upper_bounds   1.   1.
    descriptors =  'x'  'y'
  discrete_design_set string = 1
    elements = 'aniso1' 'aniso2' 'iso1' 'iso2' 'iso3'
    descriptors = 'ancomp'
    adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0 0
                     1 1 0 0 0
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mesh_adaptive_search

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The initial_point specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- integer
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

The optional variables labels specification descriptors is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

string

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string

String-valued discrete design set variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete design set string variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required		elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional		adjacency_matrix	1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete design variables whose values come from a specified set of admissible strings. The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page. Each string element value must be quoted and may contain alphanumeric, dash, underscore, and colon. White space, quote characters, and back-slash/metacharacters are not permitted.

Examples

Two string variables whose values will be selected from the set of provided elements. The first variable, 'linear solver', takes on values from a set of three possible elements and the second variable, 'mesh_file', from a set of two possible elements.

```
discrete_design_set
  string 2
    descriptors           'linear_solver'  'mesh_file'
    elements_per_variable 3                2
    elements              'cg' 'gmres' 'direct'
                          'mesh64.exo' 'mesh128.exo'
```

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

adjacency_matrix

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string
- adjacency_matrix

1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The adjacency_matrix keyword is associated with discrete_design_set variables that are specified to be categorical. Each such variable is associated with one $k \times k$ symmetric matrix, where k is the number of values (or levels) of the variable. Entry i, j of a matrix should be 1 if level i and level j are related by some subjective criteria or if $i = j$; it should be 0 otherwise. The matrices for all variables of the same type (string, real, or integer) are entered sequentially as a list of integers as shown in the examples below.

Default Behavior

The adjacency_matrix keyword is only relevant for discrete_design_set real and discrete_design_set integer variables if one or more of them have been specified to be categorical. It is always relevant for discrete_design_set string variables. If the user does not define an adjacency matrix, the default is method dependent. Currently, the only method that makes use of the adjacency matrix is mesh_adaptive_search, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default.

Expected Output

The expected output is method dependent.

Usage Tips

If an adjacency matrix is defined for one type of (categorical) discrete_design_set variable, if must be defined for all variables of that type, even for those not defined to be categorical. Those for the non-categorical set variables will be ignored.

Examples

The following example shows a variables specification where some real and some integer discrete_design_set variables are categorical.

```
variables
  continuous_design = 3
    initial_point  -1.0    1.5   2.0
    lower_bounds  -10.0  -10.0 -10.0
    upper_bounds   10.0   10.0  10.0
    descriptors    'x1'   'x2'  'x3'
  discrete_design_range = 2
    initial_point  2     2
    lower_bounds   1     1
    upper_bounds   4     9
    descriptors   'y1'  'y2'
  discrete_design_set
    real = 2
      elements_per_variable = 4 5
      elements  =  1.2 2.3 3.4 4.5 1.2 3.3 4.4 5.5 7.7
      descriptors  'y3'            'y4'
      categorical  'no'            'yes'
      adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0  # Begin entry of 4x4 matrix for y3
                       1 1 1 0
                       0 1 1 1
                       0 0 1 1
                       1 0 1 0 1 # Begin entry of 5x5 matrix for y4
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
    integer = 2
      elements_per_variable = 2 3
      elements  =  4  7  8  9  12
      descriptors  'z1'  'z2'
      categorical  'yes' 'yes'
```

Note that for the real case, the user wants to define an adjacency matrix for the categorical variable, so adjacency matrices for both variables must be specified. The matrix for the first one will be ignored. Note that no adjacency matrix is specified for either integer categorical variable. The default will be used in both cases. Currently the only method taking advantage of adjacency matrices is `mesh_adaptive_search`, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default. Thus, the matrices used would be

```
z1: 1 1
    1 1
z2: 1 1 0
    1 1 1
    0 1 1
```

The following example shows a variables specification for string variables. Note that string variables are always considered to be categorical. If an adjacency matrix is not specified, a method-dependent default matrix will be used.

```
variables,
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point  0.5  0.5
    lower_bounds   0.   0.
    upper_bounds   1.   1.
    descriptors =  'x'  'y'
  discrete_design_set string = 1
    elements = 'aniso1' 'aniso2' 'iso1' 'iso2' 'iso3'
    descriptors = 'ancomp'
    adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0 0
                     1 1 0 0 0
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mesh_adaptive_search

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The initial_point specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- string
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

The optional variables labels specification descriptors is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

real

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real

Real-valued discrete design variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- design_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete design set real variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required		elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional		categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

A design variable whose values come from a specified set of admissible reals. The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

Examples

Two continuous, restricted variables whose values will be selected from the following sets during the search for an optimal design. $y1 \in \{0.25, 1.25, 2.25, 3.25, 4.25\}$, $y2 \in \{0, 5\}$

```
discrete_design_set
  real 2
    descriptors           'y1'                      'y2'
    elements_per_variable 5                         2
    elemetns              0.25 1.25 2.25 3.25 4.25  0 5
```

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		adjacency_matrix	1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]∗

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

adjacency_matrix

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- categorical
- adjacency_matrix

1-0 matrix defining which categorical variable levels are related.

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The adjacency_matrix keyword is associated with discrete_design_set variables that are specified to be categorical. Each such variable is associated with one $k \times k$ symmetric matrix, where k is the number of values (or levels) of the variable. Entry i, j of a matrix should be 1 if level i and level j are related by some subjective criteria or if $i = j$; it should be 0 otherwise. The matrices for all variables of the same type (string, real, or integer) are entered sequentially as a list of integers as shown in the examples below.

Default Behavior

The adjacency_matrix keyword is only relevant for discrete_design_set real and discrete_design_set integer variables if one or more of them have been specified to be categorical. It is always relevant for discrete_design_set string variables. If the user does not define an adjacency matrix, the default is method dependent. Currently, the only method that makes use of the adjacency matrix is mesh_adaptive_search, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default.

Expected Output

The expected output is method dependent.

Usage Tips

If an adjacency matrix is defined for one type of (categorical) discrete_design_set variable, if must be defined for all variables of that type, even for those not defined to be categorical. Those for the non-categorical set variables will be ignored.

Examples

The following example shows a variables specification where some real and some integer discrete_design_set variables are categorical.

```
variables
  continuous_design = 3
    initial_point  -1.0    1.5   2.0
    lower_bounds  -10.0  -10.0 -10.0
    upper_bounds   10.0   10.0  10.0
    descriptors    'x1'   'x2'  'x3'
  discrete_design_range = 2
    initial_point  2     2
    lower_bounds   1     1
    upper_bounds   4     9
    descriptors   'y1'  'y2'
  discrete_design_set
    real = 2
      elements_per_variable = 4 5
      elements  =  1.2 2.3 3.4 4.5 1.2 3.3 4.4 5.5 7.7
      descriptors  'y3'            'y4'
      categorical  'no'            'yes'
      adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0  # Begin entry of 4x4 matrix for y3
                       1 1 1 0
                       0 1 1 1
                       0 0 1 1
                       1 0 1 0 1 # Begin entry of 5x5 matrix for y4
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
                       0 1 0 1 0
                       1 0 1 0 1
    integer = 2
      elements_per_variable = 2 3
      elements  =  4  7  8  9  12
      descriptors  'z1'  'z2'
      categorical  'yes' 'yes'
```

Note that for the real case, the user wants to define an adjacency matrix for the categorical variable, so adjacency matrices for both variables must be specified. The matrix for the first one will be ignored. Note that no adjacency matrix is specified for either integer categorical variable. The default will be used in both cases. Currently the only method taking advantage of adjacency matrices is `mesh_adaptive_search`, which uses a tri-diagonal adjacency matrix by default. Thus, the matrices used would be

```
z1: 1 1
    1 1
z2: 1 1 0
    1 1 1
    0 1 1
```

The following example shows a variables specification for string variables. Note that string variables are always considered to be categorical. If an adjacency matrix is not specified, a method-dependent default matrix will be used.

```
variables,
  continuous_design = 2
    initial_point  0.5  0.5
    lower_bounds   0.   0.
    upper_bounds   1.   1.
    descriptors =  'x'  'y'
  discrete_design_set string = 1
    elements = 'aniso1' 'aniso2' 'iso1' 'iso2' 'iso3'
    descriptors = 'ancomp'
    adjacency_matrix 1 1 0 0 0
                     1 1 0 0 0
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
                     0 0 1 1 1
```

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- mesh_adaptive_search

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_design_set
- real
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.8 normal_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - normal (Gaussian)

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no normal uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		means	First parameter of the distribution
	Required		std_deviations	Second parameter of the distribution
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Within the normal uncertain optional group specification, the number of normal uncertain variables, the means, and standard deviations are required specifications, and the distribution lower and upper bounds and variable descriptors are optional specifications. The normal distribution is widely used to model uncertain variables such as population characteristics. It is also used to model the mean of a sample: as the sample size becomes very large, the Central Limit Theorem states that the distribution of the mean becomes approximately normal, regardless of the distribution of the original variables.

The density function for the normal distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_N} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{x-\mu_N}{\sigma_N}\right)^2}$$

where μ_N and σ_N are the mean and standard deviation of the normal distribution, respectively.

Note that if you specify bounds for a normal distribution, the sampling occurs from the underlying distribution with the given mean and standard deviation, but samples are not taken outside the bounds (see "bounded normal" distribution type in[89]). This can result in the mean and the standard deviation of the sample data being different from the mean and standard deviation of the underlying distribution. For example, if you are sampling from a normal distribution with a mean of 5 and a standard deviation of 3, but you specify bounds of 1 and 7, the resulting mean of the samples will be around 4.3 and the resulting standard deviation will be around 1.6. This is because you have bounded the original distribution significantly, and asymetrically, since 7 is closer to the original mean than 1.

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are [$\mu - 3\sigma$, $\mu + 3\sigma$]

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

means

- Keywords Area
- variables

- normal_uncertain
- means

First parameter of the distribution

Specification

Alias: nuv_means
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Means

std_deviations

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain
- std_deviations

Second parameter of the distribution

Specification

Alias: nuv_std_deviations
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Standard deviation

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: nuv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: -infinity

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: nuv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: infinity

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- normal_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: nuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: nuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.9 lognormal_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - lognormal

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no lognormal uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	lambdas	First parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 3)
			means	First parameter of the lognormal distribution (options 1 & 2)
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

If the logarithm of an uncertain variable X has a normal distribution, that is $\log X \sim N(\mu, \sigma)$, then X is distributed with a lognormal distribution. The lognormal is often used to model:

1. time to perform some task
2. variables which are the product of a large number of other quantities, by the Central Limit Theorem
3. quantities which cannot have negative values.

Within the lognormal uncertain optional group specification, the number of lognormal uncertain variables, the means, and either standard deviations or error factors must be specified, and the distribution lower and upper bounds and variable descriptors are optional specifications. These distribution bounds can be used to truncate the tails of lognormal distributions, which as for bounded normal, can result in the mean and the standard deviation of the sample data being different from the mean and standard deviation of the underlying distribution (see "bounded lognormal" and "bounded lognormal-n" distribution types in[89]).

For the lognormal variables, one may specify either the mean μ and standard deviation σ of the actual lognormal distribution (option 1), the mean μ and error factor ϵ of the actual lognormal distribution (option 2), or the mean λ ("lambda") and standard deviation ζ ("zeta") of the underlying normal distribution (option 3).

The conversion equations from lognormal mean μ and either lognormal error factor ϵ or lognormal standard deviation σ to the mean λ and standard deviation ζ of the underlying normal distribution are as follows:

$$\zeta = \frac{ln(\epsilon)}{1.645}$$

$$\zeta^2 = ln(\frac{\sigma^2}{\mu^2} + 1)$$

$$\lambda = ln(\mu) - \frac{\zeta^2}{2}$$

Conversions from λ and ζ back to μ and ϵ or σ are as follows:

$$\mu = e^{\lambda + \frac{\zeta^2}{2}}$$

$$\sigma^2 = e^{2\lambda+\zeta^2}(e^{\zeta^2} - 1)$$
$$\epsilon = e^{1.645\zeta}$$

The density function for the lognormal distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\zeta x} e^{-\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{lnx-\lambda}{\zeta}\right)^2}$$

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are $[0, \mu + 3\sigma]$.

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

lambdas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- lambdas

First parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 3)

Specification

Alias: lnuv_lambdas

Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		zetas	Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 3)

Description

For the lognormal variables, one may specify the mean λ ("lambda") and standard deviation ζ ("zeta") of the underlying normal distribution.

zetas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- lambdas
- zetas

Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 3)

Specification

Alias: lnuv_zetas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

For the lognormal variables, one may specify the mean λ ("lambda") and standard deviation ζ ("zeta") of the underlying normal distribution.

means

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- means

First parameter of the lognormal distribution (options 1 & 2)

Specification

Alias: lnuv_means
Argument(s): REALLIST

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** std_deviations	**Dakota Keyword Description** Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 1)
			error_factors	Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 2)

Description

For the lognormal variables, one may specify either the mean μ and standard deviation σ of the actual lognormal distribution, the mean μ and error factor ϵ of the actual lognormal distribution.

This corresponds to the mean of the lognormal random variable

std_deviations

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- means
- std_deviations

Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 1)

Specification

Alias: lnuv_std_deviations
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

For the lognormal variables, one may specify either the mean μ and standard deviation σ of the actual lognormal distribution.

This corresponds to the standard deviation of the lognormal random variable.

error_factors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- means
- error_factors

Second parameter of the lognormal distribution (option 2)

Specification

Alias: lnuv_error_factors
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

For the lognormal variables, one may specify the mean μ and error factor ϵ of the actual lognormal distribution.

This specifies the error function of the lognormal random variable.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: lnuv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: lnuv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: infinity

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- lognormal_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: lnuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: lnuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.10 uniform_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uniform_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - uniform

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no uniform uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required	lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required	upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Within the uniform uncertain optional group specification, the number of uniform uncertain variables and the distribution lower and upper bounds are required specifications, and variable descriptors is an optional specification. The uniform distribution has the density function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{U_U - L_U}$$

where U_U and L_U are the upper and lower bounds of the uniform distribution, respectively. The mean of the uniform distribution is $\frac{U_U + L_U}{2}$ and the variance is $\frac{(U_U - L_U)^2}{12}$.

Theory

Note that this distribution is a special case of the more general beta distribution.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uniform_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: uuv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uniform_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: uuv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uniform_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uniform_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: uuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: uuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.11 loguniform_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- loguniform_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - loguniform

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no loguniform uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

If the logarithm of an uncertain variable X has a uniform distribution, that is $\log X \sim U(L_{LU}, U_{LU})$, then X is distributed with a loguniform distribution. The distribution lower bound is L_{LU} and upper bound is L_{LU} The loguniform distribution has the density function:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(lnU_{LU} - lnL_{LU})}$$

Theory

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- loguniform_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: luuv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- loguniform_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: luuv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- loguniform_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- loguniform_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: luuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: luuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.12 triangular_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - triangular

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no triangular uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		modes	Distribution parameter
	Required		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The triangular distribution is often used when one does not have much data or information, but does have an estimate of the most likely value and the lower and upper bounds. Within the triangular uncertain optional group specification, the number of triangular uncertain variables, the modes, and the distribution lower and upper bounds are required specifications, and variable descriptors is an optional specification.

The density function for the triangular distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{2(x - L_T)}{(U_T - L_T)(M_T - L_T)}$$

if $L_T \leq x \leq M_T$, and

$$f(x) = \frac{2(U_T - x)}{(U_T - L_T)(U_T - M_T)}$$

if $M_T \leq x \leq U_T$, and 0 elsewhere. In these equations, L_T is the lower bound, U_T is the upper bound, and M_T is the mode of the triangular distribution.

modes

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain
- modes

Distribution parameter

Specification

Alias: tuv_modes
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify the modes

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: tuv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: tuv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- triangular_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: tuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: tuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.13 exponential_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- exponential_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - exponential

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no exponential uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		betas	Parameter of the exponential distribution
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The exponential distribution is often used for modeling failure rates.

The density function for the exponential distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\beta} e^{\frac{-x}{\beta}}$$

where $\mu_E = \beta$ and $\sigma_E^2 = \beta^2$.

Note that this distribution is a special case of the more general gamma distribution.

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are $[0, \mu + 3\sigma]$.

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- exponential_uncertain
- betas

Parameter of the exponential distribution

Specification

Alias: euv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the exponential random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of exponential random variables.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- exponential_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- exponential_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: euv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: euv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.14 beta_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - beta

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no beta uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required	alphas	First parameter of the beta distribution
	Required	betas	Second parameter of the beta distribution
	Required	lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required	upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Within the beta uncertain optional group specification, the number of beta uncertain variables, the alpha and beta parameters, and the distribution upper and lower bounds are required specifications, and the variable descriptors is an optional specification. The beta distribution can be helpful when the actual distribution of an uncertain variable is unknown, but the user has a good idea of the bounds, the mean, and the standard deviation of the uncertain variable. The density function for the beta distribution is

$$f(x) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)} \frac{(x-L_B)^{\alpha-1}(U_B-x)^{\beta-1}}{(U_B-L_B)^{\alpha+\beta-1}}$$

where $\Gamma(\alpha)$ is the gamma function and $B(\alpha,\beta) = \frac{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}$ is the beta function. To calculate the mean and standard deviation from the alpha, beta, upper bound, and lower bound parameters of the beta distribution, the following expressions may be used.

$$\mu_B = L_B + \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}(U_B - L_B)$$

$$\sigma_B^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}(U_B-L_B)^2$$

Solving these for α and β gives:

$$\alpha = (\mu_B - L_B)\frac{(\mu_B-L_B)(U_B-\mu_B)-\sigma_B^2}{\sigma_B^2(U_B-L_B)}$$

$$\beta = (U_B - \mu_B)\frac{(\mu_B-L_B)(U_B-\mu_B)-\sigma_B^2}{\sigma_B^2(U_B-L_B)}$$

Note that the uniform distribution is a special case of this distribution for parameters $\alpha = \beta = 1$.

Theory

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

alphas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- alphas

First parameter of the beta distribution

Specification

Alias: buv_alphas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of α parameters to define the distributions of the beta random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of beta random variables.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- betas

Second parameter of the beta distribution

Specification

Alias: buv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the beta random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of beta random variables.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: buv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: buv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- beta_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: buv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: buv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.15 gamma_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gamma_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - gamma

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no gamma uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required	alphas	First parameter of the gamma distribution
	Required	betas	Second parameter of the gamma distribution
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The gamma distribution is sometimes used to model time to complete a task, such as a repair or service task. It is a very flexible distribution with its shape governed by alpha and beta.

The density function for the gamma distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^{\alpha-1} e^{\frac{-x}{\beta}}}{\beta^{\alpha}\Gamma(\alpha)}$$

where $\mu_{GA} = \alpha\beta$ and $\sigma^2_{GA} = \alpha\beta^2$. Note that the exponential distribution is a special case of this distribution for parameter $\alpha = 1$.

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are $[0, \mu + 3\sigma]$.

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

alphas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gamma_uncertain
- alphas

First parameter of the gamma distribution

Specification

Alias: gauv_alphas

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of α parameters to define the distributions of the gamma random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of gamma random variables.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gamma_uncertain
- betas

Second parameter of the gamma distribution

Specification

Alias: gauv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the gamma random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of gamma random variables.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gamma_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gamma_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: gauv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: gauv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.16 gumbel_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gumbel_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - gumbel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no gumbel uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		alphas	First parameter of the gumbel distribution
	Required		betas	Second parameter of the gumbel distribution
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The Gumbel distribution is also referred to as the Type I Largest Extreme Value distribution. The distribution of maxima in sample sets from a population with a normal distribution will asymptotically converge to this distribution. It is commonly used to model demand variables such as wind loads and flood levels.

The density function for the Gumbel distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \alpha e^{-\alpha(x-\beta)} exp(-e^{-\alpha(x-\beta)})$$

where $\mu_{GU} = \beta + \frac{0.5772}{\alpha}$ and $\sigma_{GU} = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{6}\alpha}$.

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are [$\mu - 3\sigma$, $\mu + 3\sigma$]

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

alphas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gumbel_uncertain
- alphas

First parameter of the gumbel distribution

Specification

Alias: guuv_alphas

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the gumbel random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of gumbel random variables.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gumbel_uncertain
- betas

Second parameter of the gumbel distribution

Specification

Alias: guuv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the gumbel random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of gumbel random variables.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gumbel_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- gumbel_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: guuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: guuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.17 frechet_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- frechet_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - Frechet

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no frechet uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		alphas	First parameter of the Frechet distribution
	Required		betas	Second parameter of the Frechet distribution
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The Frechet distribution is also referred to as the Type II Largest Extreme Value distribution. The distribution of maxima in sample sets from a population with a lognormal distribution will asymptotically converge to this distribution. It is commonly used to model non-negative demand variables.

The density function for the frechet distribution is:

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}(\frac{\beta}{x})^{\alpha+1} e^{-(\frac{\beta}{x})^{\alpha}}$$

where $\mu_F = \beta\Gamma(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})$ and $\sigma_F^2 = \beta^2[\Gamma(1 - \frac{2}{\alpha}) - \Gamma^2(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})]$

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are $[0, \mu + 3\sigma]$.

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

alphas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- frechet_uncertain
- alphas

First parameter of the Frechet distribution

Specification

Alias: fuv_alphas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of α parameters to define the distributions of the Frechet random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of Frechet random variables.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- frechet_uncertain
- betas

Second parameter of the Frechet distribution

Specification

Alias: fuv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the Frechet random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of Frechet random variables.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- frechet_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- frechet_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: fuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: fuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.18 weibull_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- weibull_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - Weibull

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no weibull uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		alphas	First parameter of the Weibull distribution
	Required		betas	Second parameter of the Weibull distribution
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The Weibull distribution is also referred to as the Type III Smallest Extreme Value distribution. The Weibull distribution is commonly used in reliability studies to predict the lifetime of a device. It is also used to model capacity variables such as material strength.

The density function for the Weibull distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\alpha}{\beta}\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha-1} e^{-\left(\frac{x}{\beta}\right)^{\alpha}}$$

where $\mu_W = \beta\Gamma(1+\frac{1}{\alpha})$ and $\sigma_W = \sqrt{\frac{\Gamma(1+\frac{2}{\alpha})}{\Gamma^2(1+\frac{1}{\alpha})} - 1}\mu_W$

alphas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- weibull_uncertain
- alphas

First parameter of the Weibull distribution

Specification

Alias: wuv_alphas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of α parameters to define the distributions of the Weibull random variables.
Length must match the other parameters and the number of Weibull random variables.

betas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- weibull_uncertain
- betas

Second parameter of the Weibull distribution

Specification

Alias: wuv_betas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specifies the list of β parameters to define the distributions of the Weibull random variables. Length must match the other parameters and the number of Weibull random variables.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- weibull_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- weibull_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: wuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: wuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.19 histogram_bin_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - continuous histogram

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no histogram bin uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional		pairs_per_variable	Number of pairs defining each histogram bin variable
	Required		abscissas	Real abscissas for a bin histogram
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	ordinates	Ordinates specifying a "skyline" probability density function
			counts	Frequency or relative probability of each bin
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Histogram uncertain variables are typically used to model a set of empirical data. The bin histogram (contrast: histogram_point_uncertain) is a continuous aleatory distribution characterized by bins of non-zero width where the uncertain variable may lie, together with the relative frequencies of each bin. Hence it can be used to specify a marginal probability density function arising from data.

The `histogram_bin_uncertain` keyword specifies the number of variables to be characterized as continuous histograms. The required sub-keywords are: abscissas (ranges of values the variable can take on) and either ordinates or counts (characterizing each variable's frequency information). When using histogram bin variables, each variable must be defined by at least one bin (with two bounding value pairs). When more than one histogram bin variable is active, pairs_per_variable can be used to specify unequal apportionment of provided bin pairs among the variables.

The `abscissas` specification defines abscissa values ("x" coordinates) for the probability density function of each histogram variable. When paired with `counts`, the specifications provide sets of (x,c) pairs for each histogram variable where `c` defines a count (i.e., a frequency or relative probability) associated with a bin. If using bins of unequal width and specification of probability densities is more natural, then the `counts` specification can be replaced with an `ordinates` specification ("y" coordinates) in order to support interpretation of the input as (x,y) pairs defining the profile of a "skyline" probability density function.

Conversion between the two specifications is straightforward: a count/frequency is a cumulative probability quantity defined from the product of the ordinate density value and the `x` bin width. Thus, in the cases of bins of equal width, ordinate and count specifications are equivalent. In addition, ordinates and counts may be relative values; it is not necessary to scale them as all user inputs will be normalized.

To fully specify a bin-based histogram with `n` bins (potentially of unequal width), `n+1` (x,c) or (x,y) pairs must be specified with the following features:

- `x` is the parameter value for the left boundary of a histogram bin and `c` is the corresponding count for that

bin. Alternatively, y defines the ordinate density value for this bin within a skyline probability density function. The right boundary of the bin is defined by the left boundary of the next pair.

- the final pair specifies the right end of the last bin and must have a c or y value of zero.
- the x values must be strictly increasing.
- all c or y values must be positive, except for the last which must be zero.
- a minimum of two pairs must be specified for each bin-based histogram variable.

Examples

The pairs_per_variable specification provides for the proper association of multiple sets of (x,c) or (x,y) pairs with individual histogram variables. For example, in this input snippet

```
histogram_bin_uncertain = 2
  pairs_per_variable = 3          4
  abscissas          = 5  8  10   .1 .2 .3 .4
  counts             = 17 21 0    12 24 12 0
  descriptors        = 'hbu_1'    'hbu_2'
```

pairs_per_variable associates the first 3 (x,c) pairs from abscissas and counts {(5,17),(8,21),(10,0)} with one bin-based histogram variable, where one bin is defined between 5 and 8 with a count of 17 and another bin is defined between 8 and 10 with a count of 21. The following set of 4 (x,c) pairs {(.1,12),(.2,24),(.3,12),(.4,0)} defines a second bin-based histogram variable containing three equal-width bins with counts 12, 24, and 12 (middle bin is twice as probable as the other two).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- histogram_point_uncertain

FAQ

Difference between bin and point histograms: A (continuous) bin histogram specifies bins of non-zero width, whereas a (discrete) point histogram specifies individual point values, which can be thought of as bins with zero width. In the terminology of LHS[89], the bin pairs specification defines a "continuous linear" distribution and the point pairs specification defines a "discrete histogram" distribution (although the points are real-valued, the number of possible values is finite).

pairs_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- pairs_per_variable

Number of pairs defining each histogram bin variable

Specification

Alias: num_pairs
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

By default, the list of `abscissas` and `counts` or `ordinates` will be evenly divided among the `histogram_bin_uncertain` variables. `pairs_per_variable` is a list of integers that specify the number of pairs to apportion to each variable.

abscissas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- abscissas

Real abscissas for a bin histogram

Specification

Alias: huv_bin_abscissas
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

A list of real abscissa ("x" coordinate) values characterizing the probability density function for each of the `histogram_bin_uncertain` variables. These are paired with either counts or ordinates. See histogram_bin_uncertain for details and examples.

ordinates

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- ordinates

Ordinates specifying a "skyline" probability density function

Specification

Alias: huv_bin_ordinates
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The ordinates list of real values defines the profile of a ”skyline” probability density function by pairing with the specified abscissas. See histogram_bin_uncertain for details.

counts

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- counts

Frequency or relative probability of each bin

Specification

Alias: huv_bin_counts
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The counts list of real values gives the frequency or relative probability for each bin in a histogram_bin_uncertain specification. These are paired with the specified abscissas. See histogram_bin_uncertain for details.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The initial_point specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_bin_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: huv_bin_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: hbuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.20 poisson_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- poisson_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - Poisson

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no poisson uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Required	lambdas	The parameter for the Poisson distribution, the expected number of events in the time interval of interest
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The Poisson distribution is used to predict the number of discrete events that happen in a single time interval. The random events occur uniformly and independently. The expected number of occurences in a single time interval is λ, which must be a positive real number. For example, if events occur on average 4 times per year and we are interested in the distribution of events over six months, λ would be 2. However, if we were interested in the distribution of events occuring over 5 years, λ would be 20.

The density function for the poisson distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

where

- λ is the expected number of events occuring in a single time interval -x is the number of events that occur in this time period -f(x) is the probability that x events occur in this time period

Theory

When used with design of experiments and multidimensional parameter studies, distribution bounds are inferred. These bounds are [0, $\mu + 3\sigma$].

For vector and centered parameter studies, an inferred initial starting point is needed for the uncertain variables. These variables are initialized to their means for these studies.

lambdas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- poisson_uncertain
- lambdas

The parameter for the Poisson distribution, the expected number of events in the time interval of interest

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The density function for the poisson distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\lambda e^{-\lambda}}{x!}$$

where λ is the frequency of events happening, and x is the number of events that occur.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- poisson_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- poisson_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: puv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.21 binomial_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- binomial_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - binomial

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no binomial uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		probability_per_-trial	A distribution parameter for the binomial distribution
	Required		num_trials	A distribution parameter
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The binomial distribution describes probabilities associated with a series of independent Bernoulli trials. A Bernoulli trial is an event with two mutually exclusive outcomes, such as 0 or 1, yes or no, success or fail. The probability of success remains the same (the trials are independent).

The density function for the binomial distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \left(\begin{array}{c} n \\ x \end{array} \right) p^x (1-p)^{(n-x)}$$

where p is the probability of failure per trial, n is the number of trials and x is the number of successes.

Theory

The binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures or defective items in a total of n independent tests or trials, where each trial has the probability p of failing or being defective.

probability_per_trial

- Keywords Area
- variables
- binomial_uncertain
- probability_per_trial

A distribution parameter for the binomial distribution

Specification

Alias: prob_per_trial
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures (or defective items or some type of event) in a total of n independent tests or trials, where each trial has the probability p of failing or being defective. Each particular test can be considered as a Bernoulli trial.

num_trials

- Keywords Area
- variables
- binomial_uncertain
- num_trials

A distribution parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures (or defective items or some type of event) in a total of n independent tests or trials, where each trial has the probability p of failing or being defective. Each particular test can be considered as a Bernoulli trial.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- binomial_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- binomial_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: biuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.22 negative_binomial_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- negative_binomial_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - negative binomial

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no negative binomial uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		probability_per_-trial	A negative binomial distribution parameter
	Required		num_trials	A negative binomial distribution parameter
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The density function for the negative binomial distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \left(\begin{array}{c} n+x-1 \\ x \end{array} \right) p^n (1-p)^x$$

where

- p is the probability of success per trial
- n is the number of successful trials
- X is the number of failures

Theory

The negative binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures observed when repeating a test until a total of `n` successes have occurred, where each test has a probability `p` of success.

probability_per_trial

- Keywords Area
- variables
- negative_binomial_uncertain
- probability_per_trial

A negative binomial distribution parameter

Specification

Alias: prob_per_trial
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The negative binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures observed when repeating a test until a total of n successes have occurred, where each test has a probability p of success.

The density function for the negative binomial distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} n+x-1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} p^n (1-p)^x$$

where

- p is the probability of success per trial
- n is the number of successful trials
- X is the number of failures

num_trials

- Keywords Area
- variables
- negative_binomial_uncertain
- num_trials

A negative binomial distribution parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The negative binomial distribution is typically used to predict the number of failures observed when repeating a test until a total of n successes have occurred, where each test has a probability p of success.

The density function for the negative binomial distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \begin{pmatrix} n+x-1 \\ x \end{pmatrix} p^n (1-p)^x$$

where

- p is the probability of success per trial
- n is the number of successful trials
- X is the number of failures

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- negative_binomial_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- negative_binomial_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: nbuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.23 geometric_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- geometric_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - geometric

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no geometric uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		probability_per_-trial	Geometric distribution parameter
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The geometric distribution represents the number of successful trials that might occur before a failure is observed.

The density function for the geometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = p(1-p)^x$$

where p is the probability of failure per trial.

probability_per_trial

- Keywords Area
- variables
- geometric_uncertain
- probability_per_trial

Geometric distribution parameter

Specification

Alias: prob_per_trial

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The geometric distribution represents the number of successful trials that occur before a failure is observed.

The density function for the geometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = p(1-p)^x$$

where p is the probability of failure per trial and x is the number of successful trials.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- geometric_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- geometric_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: geuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.24 hypergeometric_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain discrete variable - hypergeometric

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no hypergeometric uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		total_population	Parameter for the hypergeometric probability distribution
	Required		selected_-population	Distribution parameter for the hypergeometric distribution
	Required		num_drawn	Distribution parameter for the hypergeometric distribution
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

The hypergeometric probability density is used when sampling without replacement from a total population of elements where

- The resulting element of each sample can be separated into one of two non-overlapping sets
- The probability of success changes with each sample.

The density function for the hypergeometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{m}{x}\binom{N-m}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

where:

- N is the total population
- m is the number of items in the selected population (e.g. the number of white balls in the full urn of N items)
- n is the size of the sample drawn (e.g. number of balls drawn)
- x is the number of sucess (e.g. drawing a white ball)
- $\frac{a}{b}$ is a binomial coeffecient

Theory

The hypergeometric is often described using an urn model. For example, say we have a total population containing N balls, and we know that m of the balls are white and the remaining balls are green. If we draw n balls from the urn without replacement, the hypergeometric distribution describes the probability of drawing x white balls.

total_population

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain
- total_population

Parameter for the hypergeometric probability distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The density function for the hypergeometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\binom{m}{x}\binom{N-m}{n-x}}{\binom{N}{n}}$$

where

- N is the total population (e.g. the total number of balls in the urn)
- m is the number of items in the selected population (e.g. the number of white balls in the full urn of N items)
- n is the size of the sample (e.g. number of balls drawn)
- x is the number of sucess (e.g. drawing a white ball)
- $\frac{a}{b}$ is a binomial coeffecient

selected_population

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain
- selected_population

Distribution parameter for the hypergeometric distribution

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The density function for the hypergeometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{c} m \\ x \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} N-m \\ n-x \end{array} \right)}{\left(\begin{array}{c} N \\ n \end{array} \right)}$$

where

- N is the total population (e.g. the total number of balls in the urn)
- m is the number of items in the selected population (e.g. the number of white balls in the full urn of N items)
- n is the size of the sample (e.g. number of balls drawn)
- x is the number of sucess (e.g. drawing a white ball)
- $\frac{a}{b}$ is a binomial coeffecient

num_drawn

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain
- num_drawn

Distribution parameter for the hypergeometric distribution

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The density function for the hypergeometric distribution is given by:

$$f(x) = \frac{\left(\begin{array}{c} m \\ x \end{array} \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} N-m \\ n-x \end{array} \right)}{\left(\begin{array}{c} N \\ n \end{array} \right)}$$

where

- N is the total population (e.g. the total number of balls in the urn)
- m is the number of items in the selected population (e.g. the number of white balls in the full urn of N items)
- n is the size of the sample (e.g. number of balls drawn)
- x is the number of sucess (e.g. drawing a white ball)
- $\frac{a}{b}$ is a binomial coeffecient

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The initial_point specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- hypergeometric_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: hguv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification descriptors is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.25 histogram_point_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain

Aleatory uncertain variable - discrete histogram

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- aleatory_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no histogram point uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		integer	Integer valued point histogram variable
	Optional		string	String (categorical) valued point histogram variable
	Optional		real	Real valued point histogram variable

Description

Histogram uncertain variables are typically used to model a set of empirical data. When the variables take on only discrete values or categories, a discrete, or point histogram is used to describe their probability mass function (one could think of this as a histogram_bin_uncertain variable with "bins" of zero width). Dakota supports integer-, string-, and real-valued point histograms.

Point histograms are similar to discrete_design_set and discrete_state_set, but as they are uncertain variables, include the relative probabilities of observing the different values within the set.

The `histogram_point_uncertain` keyword is followed by one or more of `integer`, `string`, or `real`, each of which specify the number of variables to be characterized as discrete histograms of that sub-type.

Each discrete histogram variable is specified by one or more abscissa/count pairs. The `abscissas`, are the possible values the variable can take on ("x" coordinates of type integer, string, or real), and must be specified in increasing order. These are paired with `counts c` which provide the frequency of the given value or string, relative to other possible values/strings.

Thus, to fully specify a point-based histogram with `n` points, `n` (x,c) pairs must be specified with the following features:

- `x` is the point value (integer, string, or real) and `c` is the corresponding count for that value.
- the `x` values must be strictly increasing (lexicographically for strings).
- all `c` values must be positive.
- a minimum of one pair must be specified for each point-based histogram.

Examples

The `pairs_per_variable` specification provides for the proper association of multiple sets of (x,c) or (x,y) pairs with individual histogram variables. For example, in the following specification,

```
histogram_point_uncertain
  integer            = 2
  pairs_per_variable = 2     3
  abscissas          = 3 4   100 200 300
  counts             = 1 1   1   2   1
```

`pairs_per_variable` associates the (x,c) pairs {(3,1),(4,1)} with one point-based histogram variable (where the values 3 and 4 are equally probable) and associates the (x,c) pairs {(100,1),(200,2),(300,1)} with a second point-based histogram variable (where the value 200 is twice as probable as either 100 or 300).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- histogram_bin_uncertain

FAQ

Difference between bin and point histograms: A (continuous) bin histogram specifies bins of non-zero width, whereas a (discrete) point histogram specifies individual point values, which can be thought of as bins with zero width. In the terminology of LHS[89], the bin pairs specification defines a "continuous linear" distribution and the point pairs specification defines a "discrete histogram" distribution (although the points are real-valued, the number of possible values is finite).

integer

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer

Integer valued point histogram variable

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		pairs_per_variable	Number of pairs defining each histogram point integer variable
	Required		abscissas	Integer abscissas for a point histogram
	Required		counts	Counts for integer-valued point histogram

	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

This probability mass function is integer-valued; the abscissa values must all be integers. The `n` abscissa values are paired with `n counts` which indicate the relative frequency (mass) of each integer relative to the other specified integers.

Examples

```
histogram_point_uncertain
  integer = 2
  pairs_per_variable = 2     3
  abscissas          = 3 4   100 200 300
  counts             = 1 1   1   2   1
```

There are two variables, the first one has two possible integer values which are equally probable. The second one has three options, and 200 is twice as probable as either 100 or 300.

pairs_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer
- pairs_per_variable

Number of pairs defining each histogram point integer variable

Specification

Alias: num_pairs
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

By default, the list of `abscissas` and `counts` will be evenly divided among the histogram point integer variables. The number of `pairs_per_variable` specifies the apportionment of abscissa/count pairs among the histogram point integer variables. It must specify one integer >=1 per variable that indicates how many of the (abscissa, count) = (x,c) pairs to associate with that variable.

abscissas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer
- abscissas

Integer abscissas for a point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

A list of integer abscissa ("x" coordinate) values characterizing the probability density function for each of the integer `histogram_point_uncertain` variables. These must be listed in increasing order for each variable, and are paired with counts. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

counts

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer
- counts

Counts for integer-valued point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Count or frequency for each of abscissas. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- integer
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: hpiv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

string

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string

String (categorical) valued point histogram variable

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		pairs_per_variable	Number of pairs defining each histogram point string variable
	Required		abscissas	String abscissas for a point histogram
	Required		counts	Counts for string-valued point histogram
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

This probability mass function is string-valued; the abscissa values must all be strings. The `n` abscissa values are paired with `n counts` which indicate the relative frequency (mass) of each string relative to the other specified strings.

Examples

```
histogram_point_uncertain
  string = 2
  pairs_per_variable = 2           3
  abscissas          = 'no' 'yes'  'function1' 'function2' 'function3'
  counts             = 1    1      1           2           1
  descriptors        = 'vote'      'which_function'
```

Here there are two variables, the first one ('vote') has two possible string values 'yes' and 'no' which are equally probable. The second one has three options for 'which_function', and 'function2' is twice as probable as 'function1' or 'function3'.

pairs_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string
- pairs_per_variable

Number of pairs defining each histogram point string variable

Specification

Alias: num_pairs
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

By default, the list of `abscissas` and `counts` will be evenly divided among the histogram point string variables. The number of `pairs_per_variable` specifies the apportionment of abscissa/count pairs among the histogram point string variables. It must specify one integer >=1 per variable that indicates how many of the (abscissa, count) = (x,c) pairs to associate with that variable.

abscissas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string
- abscissas

String abscissas for a point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

A list of string abscissa ("x" coordinate) values characterizing the probability density function for each of the string `histogram_point_uncertain` variables. These must be listed in (lexicographically) increasing order for each variable, and are paired with counts. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

counts

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string
- counts

Counts for string-valued point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Count or frequency for each of abscissas. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- string
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: hpsv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

real

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real

Real valued point histogram variable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		pairs_per_variable	Number of pairs defining each histogram point real variable

	Required	abscissas	Real abscissas for a point histogram
	Required	counts	Counts for real-valued point histogram
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

This probability mass function is real-valued; the abscissa values must all be integers. The `n` abscissa values are paired with `n counts` which indicate the relative frequency (mass) of each real relative to the other specified reals.

Examples

```
histogram_point_uncertain
  real = 2
  pairs_per_variable = 2              3
  abscissas          = 3.1415 4.5389   100 200.112345 300
  counts             = 1      1        1   2          1
```

There are two variables, the first one has two possible real values which are equally probable. The second one has three possible real value options, and 200.112345 is twice as probable as either 100 or 300.

pairs_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real
- pairs_per_variable

Number of pairs defining each histogram point real variable

Specification

Alias: num_pairs
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

By default, the list of `abscissas` and `counts` will be evenly divided among the histogram point real variables. The number of `pairs_per_variable` specifies the apportionment of abscissa/count pairs among the histogram point real variables. It must specify one integer >=1 per variable that indicates how many of the (abscissa, count) = (x,c) pairs to associate with that variable.

abscissas

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real
- abscissas

Real abscissas for a point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

A list of real abscissa (”x” coordinate) values characterizing the probability density function for each of the real `histogram_point_uncertain` variables. These must be listed in increasing order for each variable, and are paired with counts. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

counts

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real
- counts

Counts for real-valued point histogram

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Count or frequency for each of abscissas. See histogram_point_uncertain for details and examples.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- histogram_point_uncertain
- real
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: hpruv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.26 uncertain_correlation_matrix

- Keywords Area
- variables
- uncertain_correlation_matrix

Correlation among aleatory uncertain variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: identity matrix (uncorrelated)

Description

Aleatory uncertain variables may have correlations specified through use of an `uncertain_correlation_matrix` specification. This specification is generalized in the sense that its specific meaning depends on the nondeterministic method in use.

When the method is a nondeterministic sampling method (i.e., sampling), then the correlation matrix specifies *rank correlations* [52].

When the method is a reliability (i.e., `local_reliability` or `global_reliability`) or stochastic expansion (i.e., `polynomial_chaos` or `stoch_collocation`) method, then the correlation matrix specifies *correlation coefficients* (normalized covariance)[42].

In either of these cases, specifying the identity matrix results in uncorrelated uncertain variables (the default). The matrix input should be symmetric and have all n^2 entries where n is the total number of aleatory uncertain variables.

Ordering of the aleatory uncertain variables is:

1. normal
2. lognormal
3. uniform
4. loguniform
5. triangular
6. exponential
7. beta
8. gamma
9. gumbel
10. frechet
11. weibull
12. histogram bin
13. poisson

14. binomial
15. negative binomial
16. geometric
17. hypergeometric
18. histogram point

When additional variable types are activated, they assume uniform distributions, and the ordering is as listed on variables.

Examples

Consider the following random variables, distributions and correlations:

- X_1, normal, uncorrelated with others
- X_2, normal, correlated with X_3, X_4 and X_5
- X_3, weibull , correlated with X_5
- X_4, exponential, correlated with X_3, X_4 and X_5
- X_5, normal, correlated with X_5 These correlations are captured by the following commands (order of the variables is respected).

```
uncertain_correlation_matrix
# ordering normal, exponential, weibull
# \f$X_1\f$ \f$X_2\f$ \f$X_5\f$ \f$X_4$\f \f$X_3\f$
1.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00
0.00 1.00 0.50 0.24 0.78
0.00 0.50 1.00 0.00 0.20
0.00 0.24 0.00 1.00 0.49
0.00 0.78 0.20 0.49 1.0
```

6.4.27 continuous_interval_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain

Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more continuous intervals

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- continuous_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: interval_uncertain
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no continuous interval uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_intervals	Specify the number of intervals for each variable
	Optional		interval_-probabilities	Assign probability mass to each interval
	Required		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Continuous interval uncertain variables are epistemic types. They can specify a single interval per variable which may be used in interval analysis, where the goal is to determine the interval bounds on the output corresponding to the interval bounds on the input. All values between the bounds are permissible. More detailed continuous interval representations can specify a set of belief structures based on intervals that may be contiguous, overlapping, or disjoint. This is used in specifying the inputs necessary for an epistemic uncertainty analysis using Dempster--Shafer theory of evidence.

Other epistemic types include:

- discrete_interval_uncertain
- discrete_uncertain_set integer
- discrete_uncertain_set string
- discrete_uncertain_set real

Examples

The following specification is for an interval analysis:

```
continuous_interval_uncertain = 2
 lower_bounds = 2.0 4.0
 upper_bounds = 2.5 5.0
```

The following specification is for a Dempster-Shafer analysis:

```
continuous_interval_uncertain = 2
 num_intervals = 3 2
 interval_probs = 0.25 0.5 0.25 0.4 0.6
 lower_bounds = 2.0 4.0 4.5 1.0 3.0
 upper_bounds = 2.5 5.0 6.0 5.0 5.0
```

Here there are 2 interval uncertain variables. The first one is defined by three intervals, and the second by two intervals. The three intervals for the first variable have basic probability assignments of 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3, respectively, while the basic probability assignments for the two intervals for the second variable are 0.4 and 0.6.

The basic probability assignments for each interval variable must sum to one. The interval bounds for the first variable are [2, 2.5], [4, 5], and [4.5, 6], and the interval bounds for the second variable are [1.0, 5.0] and [3.0, 5.0]. Note that the intervals can be overlapping or disjoint. The BPA for the first variable indicates that it is twice as likely that the value occurs on the interval [4,5] than either [2,2.5] or [4.5,6].

Theory

The continuous interval uncertain variable is NOT a probability distribution. Although it may seem similar to a histogram, the interpretation of this uncertain variable is different. It is used in epistemic uncertainty analysis, where one is trying to model uncertainty due to lack of knowledge. The continuous interval uncertain variable is used in both interval analysis and in Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

- interval analysis -only one interval is allowed for each `continuous_interval_uncertain` variable -the interval is defined by lower and upper bounds -the value of the random variable lies somewhere in this interval -output is the minimum and maximum function value conditional on the specified interval

- Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence -multiple intervals can be assigned to each `continuous_interval_uncertain` variable -a Basic Probability Assignment (BPA) is associated with each interval. The BPA represents a probability that the value of the uncertain variable is located within that interval. -each interval is defined by lower and upper bounds -outputs are called ”belief” and ”plausibility.” Belief represents the smallest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence, while plausibility represents the largest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence. Evidence is the intervals together with their BPA.

num_intervals

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- num_intervals

Specify the number of intervals for each variable

Specification

Alias: iuv_num_intervals
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: Equal apportionment of intervals among variables

Description

In Dakota, epistemic uncertainty analysis is performed using either interval estimation or Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence. In these approaches, one does not assign a probability distribution to each uncertain input variable. Rather, one divides each uncertain input variable into one or more intervals. The input parameters are only known to occur within intervals; nothing more is assumed. `num_intervals` specifies the number of such intervals associated with each interval uncertain parameter.

interval_probabilities

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- interval_probabilities

Assign probability mass to each interval

Specification

Alias: interval_probs iuv_interval_probs
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: Equal probability assignments for each interval (1/num_intervals[i])

Description

The basic probability assignments for each interval variable must sum to one. For example, if an interval variable is defined with three intervals, the probabilities for these intervals could be 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3 which sum to one, but could not be 0.5,0.5, and 0.5 which do not sum to one.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_interval_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: iuv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: ciuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.28 discrete_interval_uncertain

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain

Epistemic uncertain variable - values from one or more discrete intervals

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: discrete_uncertain_range

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: No discrete interval uncertain variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_intervals	Specify the number of intervals for each variable
	Optional		interval_-probabilities	Assign probability mass to each interval
	Required		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Required		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		initial_point	Initial values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete interval uncertain variables are epistemic types. They can specify a single interval per variable which may be used in interval analysis, where the goal is to determine the interval bounds on the output corresponding to the interval bounds on the input. Permissible values are any integer within the bound. More detailed continuous

interval representations can specify a set of belief structures based on intervals that may be contiguous, overlapping, or disjoint. This is used in specifying the inputs necessary for an epistemic uncertainty analysis using Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

Other epistemic types include:

- continuous_interval_uncertain
- discrete_uncertain_set integer
- discrete_uncertain_set string
- discrete_uncertain_set real

Examples

Let d1 be 2, 3 or 4 with probability 0.2, 4 or 5 with probability 0.5 and 6 with probability 0.3. Let d2 be 4, 5 or 6 with probability 0.4 and 6, 7 or 8 with probability 0.6. The following specification is for a Dempster-Shafer analysis:

```
discrete_interval_uncertain = 2
 num_intervals = 3 2
 interval_probs = 0.2 0.5 0.3 0.4 0.6
 lower_bounds = 2 4 6 4 6
 upper_bounds = 4 5 6 6 8
```

Theory

- Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence -multiple intervals can be assigned to each `discrete_interval_uncertain` variable -a Basic Probability Assignment (BPA) is associated with each interval. The BPA represents a probability that the value of the uncertain variable is located within that interval. -each interval is defined by lower and upper bounds -outputs are called ”belief” and ”plausibility.” Belief represents the smallest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence, while plausibility represents the largest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence. Evidence is the intervals together with their BPA.

num_intervals

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- num_intervals

Specify the number of intervals for each variable

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: Equal apportionment of intervals among variables

Description

In Dakota, epistemic uncertainty analysis is performed using either interval estimation or Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence. In these approaches, one does not assign a probability distribution to each uncertain input variable. Rather, one divides each uncertain input variable into one or more intervals. The input parameters are only known to occur within intervals; nothing more is assumed. `num_intervals` specifies the number of such intervals associated with each interval uncertain parameter.

interval_probabilities

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- interval_probabilities

Assign probability mass to each interval

Specification

Alias: interval_probs range_probabilities range_probs
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: Equal probability assignments for each interval (1/num_intervals[i])

Description

The basic probability assignments for each interval variable must sum to one. For example, if an interval variable is defined with three intervals, the probabilities for these intervals could be 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3 which sum to one, but could not be 0.5,0.5, and 0.5 which do not sum to one.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify maximium values

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: diuv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.29 discrete_uncertain_set

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set

Set-valued discrete uncertain variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		integer	Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - integers within a set
	Optional		string	Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - strings within a set

	Optional	real	Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - real numbers within a set

Description

Discrete uncertain variables whose values come from a set of admissible elements. Each variable specified must be of type integer, string, or real.

integer

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer

Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - integers within a set

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no discrete uncertain set integer variables

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required		elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable

	Optional	set_probabilities	This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.
	Optional	categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete set variables may be used to specify categorical choices which are epistemic. For example, if we have three possible forms for a physics model (model 1, 2, or 3) and there is epistemic uncertainty about which one is correct, a discrete uncertain set may be used to represent this type of uncertainty.

This variable is defined by a set of integers, in which the discrete value may take any value within the integer set (for example, the set may be defined as 1, 2, and 4)

Other epistemic types include:

- continuous_interval_uncertain
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- discrete_uncertain_set string
- discrete_uncertain_set real

Examples

Let d1 be 2 or 13 and d2 be 4, 5 or 26. The following specification is for an interval analysis:

```
discrete_uncertain_set
 integer
 num_set_values 2     3
 set_values     2 13  4 5 26
 descriptors    'di1' 'di2'
```

Theory

The `discrete_uncertain_set-integer` variable is NOT a discrete random variable. It can be contrasted to a the histogram-defined random variables: histogram_bin_uncertain and histogram_point_uncertain. It is used in epistemic uncertainty analysis, where one is trying to model uncertainty due to lack of knowledge.

The discrete uncertain set integer variable is used in both interval analysis and in Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

- interval analysis -the values are integers, equally weighted -the true value of the random variable is one of the integers in this set -output is the minimum and maximum function value conditional on the specified inputs
- Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence -the values are integers, but they can be assigned different weights -outputs are called ”belief” and ”plausibility.” Belief represents the smallest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence, while plausibility represents the largest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence. Evidence is the values together with their weights.

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

set_probabilities

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- set_probabilities

This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.

Specification

Alias: set_probs
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: Equal probability assignments for each set member (1/num_set_values[i])

Description

There are three types of `discrete_uncertain_set` variables: integer, string, or real sets. With each of these types, one defines the number of elements of the set per that variable, the values of those elements, and the associated probabilities. For example, if one has an integer discrete uncertain set variable with 3 elements {3,4,8}, then one could define the probabilities associated with those set elements as (for example) 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3. The `set_probabilities` for a particular variable should sum to one over all the elements in that set.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]*

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- integer
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dusiv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

string

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string

Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - strings within a set

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete uncertain set string variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable

	Required	elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional	set_probabilities	This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete set variables may be used to specify categorical choices which are epistemic. For example, if we have three possible forms for a physics model (model 1, 2, or 3) and there is epistemic uncertainty about which one is correct, a discrete uncertain set may be used to represent this type of uncertainty.

This variable is defined by a set of strings, in which the discrete value may take any value within the string set (for example, the set may be defined as 'coarse', 'medium', and 'fine')

Other epistemic types include:

- continuous_interval_uncertain
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- discrete_uncertain_set integer
- discrete_uncertain_set real

Examples

```
discrete_uncertain_set
 string
 num_set_values 2             3
 set_values     'red' 'blue'  'coarse' 'medium' 'fine'
 descriptors    'ds1'         'ds2'
```

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

set_probabilities

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string
- set_probabilities

This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.

Specification

Alias: set_probs
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: Equal probability assignments for each set member (1/num_set_values[i])

Description

There are three types of `discrete_uncertain_set` variables: integer, string, or real sets. With each of these types, one defines the number of elements of the set per that variable, the values of those elements, and the associated probabilities. For example, if one has an integer discrete uncertain set variable with 3 elements {3,4,8}, then one could define the probabilities associated with those set elements as (for example) 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3. The `set_probabilities` for a particular variable should sum to one over all the elements in that set.

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- string
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dussv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

real

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real

Discrete, epistemic uncertain variable - real numbers within a set

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- epistemic_uncertain_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete uncertain set real variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable

	Required	elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional	set_probabilities	This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.
	Optional	categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional	initial_point	Initial values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete set variables may be used to specify categorical choices which are epistemic. For example, if we have three possible forms for a physics model (model 1, 2, or 3) and there is epistemic uncertainty about which one is correct, a discrete uncertain set may be used to represent this type of uncertainty.

This variable is defined by a set of reals, in which the discrete variable may take any value defined within the real set (for example, a parameter may have two allowable real values, 3.285 or 4.79).

Other epistemic types include:

- continuous_interval_uncertain
- discrete_interval_uncertain
- discrete_uncertain_set integer
- discrete_uncertain_set string

Examples

Let d1 be 2.1 or 1.3 and d2 be 0.4, 5 or 2.6. The following specification is for an interval analysis:

```
discrete_uncertain_set
 integer
 num_set_values  2          3
 set_values      2.1  1.3   0.4  5  2.6
 descriptors     'dr1'      'dr2'
```

Theory

The `discrete_uncertain_set-integer` variable is NOT a discrete random variable. It can be contrasted to a the histogram-defined random variables: histogram_bin_uncertain and histogram_point_uncertain. It is used in epistemic uncertainty analysis, where one is trying to model uncertainty due to lack of knowledge.

The discrete uncertain set integer variable is used in both interval analysis and in Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence.

- interval analysis -the values are integers, equally weighted -the true value of the random variable is one of the integers in this set -output is the minimum and maximum function value conditional on the specified inputs
- Dempster-Shafer theory of evidence -the values are integers, but they can be assigned different weights -outputs are called ”belief” and ”plausibility.” Belief represents the smallest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence, while plausibility represents the largest possible probability that is consistent with the evidence. Evidence is the values together with their weights.

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

set_probabilities

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- set_probabilities

This keyword defines the probabilities for the various elements of discrete sets.

Specification

Alias: set_probs
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: Equal probability assignments for each set member (1/num_set_values[i])

Description

There are three types of `discrete_uncertain_set` variables: integer, string, or real sets. With each of these types, one defines the number of elements of the set per that variable, the values of those elements, and the associated probabilities. For example, if one has an integer discrete uncertain set variable with 3 elements {3,4,8}, then one could define the probabilities associated with those set elements as (for example) 0.2, 0.5, and 0.3. The `set_probabilities` for a particular variable should sum to one over all the elements in that set.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]∗

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

initial_point

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- initial_point

Initial values

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `initial_point` specifications provide the point in design space (variable values) from which an iterator is started. These default to the midpoint of bounds (continuous design variables) or the middle value (discrete design variables).

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_uncertain_set
- real
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dusrv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.30 continuous_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_state

Continuous state variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- state_variables
- continuous_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: No continuous state variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	initial_state	Initial values for the state variables
	Optional	lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional	upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Continuous state variables are defined by bounds.

Default behavior for most methods is that only the initial_state values are used.

See the state_variables page for details on the behavior of state variables.

initial_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_state
- initial_state

Initial values for the state variables

Specification

Alias: csv_initial_state

Argument(s): REALLIST

Default: 0.0

Description

The `initial_state` specifications provide the initial values for the state variables.

This is an optional keyword. If it is not specified, the initial state will be inferred from the other keywords that define the state variable.

Defaults are:

- Continuous state variables - use the midpoint of the bounds
- Set variables - use the value with the index closest to the middle of the set
- Range variables - use the midpoint of the range

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_state
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: csv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: -infinity

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_state
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: csv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: infinity

Description

Specify maximium values

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- continuous_state
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: csv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: csv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.31 discrete_state_range

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_range

Discrete state variables; each defined by an integer interval

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- state_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: No discrete state variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		initial_state	Initial values for the state variables
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete state variables defined by bounds.

The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

See the state_variables page for details on the behavior of state variables.

initial_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_range
- initial_state

Initial values for the state variables

Specification

Alias: dsv_initial_state
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: 0

Description

The `initial_state` specifications provide the initial values for the state variables.

This is an optional keyword. If it is not specified, the initial state will be inferred from the other keywords that define the state variable.

Defaults are:

- Continuous state variables - use the midpoint of the bounds
- Set variables - use the value with the index closest to the middle of the set
- Range variables - use the midpoint of the range

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_range
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: dsv_lower_bounds
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: INT_MIN

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_range
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: dsv_upper_bounds
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: INT_MAX

Description

Specify maximium values

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_range
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: dsv_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dsriv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.4.32 discrete_state_set

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set

Set-valued discrete state variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- state_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		integer	Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible integers
	Optional		string	String-valued discrete state set variables
	Optional		real	Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible real numbers

Description

Discrete state variables whose values come from a set of admissible elements. Each variable specified must be of type integer, string, or real.

integer

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer

Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible integers

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- state_variables

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no discrete state set integer variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required		elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional		categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional		initial_state	Initial values for the state variables
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete state variables defined by a set of permissible integers.

The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

See the state_variables page for details on the behavior of state variables.

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]$*$

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

initial_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer
- initial_state

Initial values for the state variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The `initial_state` specifications provide the initial values for the state variables.

This is an optional keyword. If it is not specified, the initial state will be inferred from the other keywords that define the state variable.

Defaults are:

- Continuous state variables - use the midpoint of the bounds
- Set variables - use the value with the index closest to the middle of the set
- Range variables - use the midpoint of the range

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- integer
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dssiv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

string

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- string

String-valued discrete state set variables

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- state_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete state set string variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable

	Required	elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional	initial_state	Initial values for the state variables
	Optional	descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete state variables whose values come from a specified set of admissible strings. The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page. See the state_variables page for details on the behavior of state variables. Each string element value must be quoted and may contain alphanumeric, dash, underscore, and colon. White space, quote characters, and backslash/metacharacters are not permitted.

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- string
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST
Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- string

- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

initial_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- string
- initial_state

Initial values for the state variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The `initial_state` specifications provide the initial values for the state variables.

This is an optional keyword. If it is not specified, the initial state will be inferred from the other keywords that define the state variable.

Defaults are:

- Continuous state variables - use the midpoint of the bounds
- Set variables - use the value with the index closest to the middle of the set
- Range variables - use the midpoint of the range

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- string
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dsssv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

real

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real

Discrete state variables, each defined by a set of permissible real numbers

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- discrete_variables
- state_variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no discrete state set real variables

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		elements_per_-variable	Number of admissible elements for each set variable
	Required		elements	The permissible values for each discrete variable
	Optional		categorical	Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable
	Optional		initial_state	Initial values for the state variables
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the variables

Description

Discrete state variables defined by a set of permissible real numbers.

The details of how to specify this discrete variable are located on the discrete_variables page.

See the state_variables page for details on the behavior of state variables.

elements_per_variable

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real
- elements_per_variable

Number of admissible elements for each set variable

Specification

Alias: num_set_values

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Default: equal distribution

Description

Discrete set variables (including design, uncertain, and state) take on only a fixed set of values. For each type (integer, string, or real), this keyword specifies how many admissible values are provided for each variable. If not specified, equal apportionment of elements among variables is assumed, and the number of elements must be evenly divisible by the number of variables.

elements

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real
- elements

The permissible values for each discrete variable

Specification

Alias: set_values
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

Specify the permissible values for discrete set variables (of type integer, string, or real). See the description on the discrete_variables page.

categorical

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real
- categorical

Whether the set-valued variables are categorical or relaxable

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Description

A list of strings of length equal to the number of set (integer, string, or real) variables indicating whether they are strictly categorical, meaning may only take on values from the provided set, or relaxable, meaning may take on any integer or real value between the lowest and highest specified element. Valid categorical strings include 'yes', 'no', 'true', and 'false', or any abbreviation in [yYnNtTfF][.]∗

Examples

Discrete_design_set variable, 'rotor_blades', can take on only integer values, 2, 4, or 7 by default. Since categorical is specified to be false, the integrality can be relaxed and 'rotor_blades' can take on any value between 2 and 7, e.g., 3, 6, or 5.5.

```
discrete_design_set
    integer 1
        elements 2 4 7
    descriptor 'rotor_blades'
    categorical 'no'
```

initial_state

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real
- initial_state

Initial values for the state variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: middle set value, or rounded down

Description

The `initial_state` specifications provide the initial values for the state variables.

This is an optional keyword. If it is not specified, the initial state will be inferred from the other keywords that define the state variable.

Defaults are:

- Continuous state variables - use the midpoint of the bounds
- Set variables - use the value with the index closest to the middle of the set
- Range variables - use the midpoint of the range

descriptors

- Keywords Area
- variables
- discrete_state_set
- real
- descriptors

Labels for the variables

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: dssrv_{i}

Description

The optional variables labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which identify the variables. These are used in console and tabular output.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier.

6.5 interface

- Keywords Area
- interface

Specifies how function evaluations will be performed in order to map the variables into the responses.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		id_interface	Name the interface block; helpful when there are multiple
	Optional		algebraic_-mappings	Use AMPL to define algebraic input-output mappings
	Optional		analysis_drivers	Define how Dakota should run a function evaluation

	Optional	asynchronous	Specify analysis driver concurrency, when Dakota is run in serial
	Optional	evaluation_servers	Specify the number of evaluation servers when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	evaluation_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent evaluations when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	processors_per_evaluation	Specify the number of processors per evaluation server when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	analysis_servers	Specify the number of analysis servers when Dakota is run in parallel
	Optional	analysis_scheduling	Specify the scheduling of concurrent analyses when Dakota is run in parallel

Description

The interface section in a Dakota input file specifies how function evaluations will be performed in order to map the variables into the responses.

In this context, a ”function evaluation” is the series of operations that takes the variables and computes the responses. This can be comprised of one or many codes, scripts, and glue, which are generically referred to as ”analysis drivers”.

The optional `asynchronous` flag specifies use of asynchronous protocols (i.e., background system calls, nonblocking forks, POSIX threads) when evaluations or analyses are invoked. The `evaluation_concurrency` and `analysis_concurrency` specifications serve a dual purpose:

- when running Dakota on a single processor in `asynchronous` mode, the default concurrency of evaluations and analyses is all concurrency that is available. The `evaluation_concurrency` and `analysis_concurrency` specifications can be used to limit this concurrency in order to avoid machine overload or usage policy violation.
- when running Dakota on multiple processors in message passing mode, the default concurrency of evaluations and analyses on each of the servers is one (i.e., the parallelism is exclusively that of the message

passing). With the evaluation_concurrency and analysis_concurrency specifications, a hybrid parallelism can be selected through combination of message passing parallelism with asynchronous parallelism on each server.

If Dakota's automatic parallel configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can specify overrides that enforce a desired number of partitions, a size for the partitions, and/or a desired scheduling configuration at the evaluation and analysis parallelism levels. The optional evaluation_servers and analysis_servers specifications support user overrides of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of evaluation servers and the number of analysis servers, and the optional processors_per_evaluation specification supports user overrides for the size of processor allocations for evaluation servers (Note: see direct for the processors_per_analysis specification supported for direct interfaces). Similarly, the optional evaluation_scheduling and analysis_scheduling specifications can be used to override the automatic parallel configuration at the evaluation and analysis parallelism levels to use either a dedicated master or a peer partition. In addition, the evaluation parallelism level supports an override for the scheduling algorithm used within a peer partition; this can be either dynamic or static scheduling (default configuration of a peer partition employs a dynamic scheduler when it can be supported; i.e., when the peer 1 local scheduling can be asynchronous). The ParallelLibrary class and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual[4] provide additional details on parallel configurations.

When performing asynchronous local evaluations, the local_evaluation_scheduling keyword controls how new evaluation jobs are dispatched when one completes. If the local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as dynamic (the default), each completed evaluation will be replaced by the next in the local evaluation queue. If local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as static, each completed evaluation will be replaced by an evaluation number that is congruent modulo the evaluation_concurrency. This is helpful for relative node scheduling as described in Dakota/examples/parallelism. For example, assuming only asynchronous local concurrency (no MPI), if the local concurrency is 6 and job 2 completes, it will be replaced with job 8. For the case of hybrid parallelism, static local scheduling results in evaluation replacements that are modulo the total capacity, defined as the product of the evaluation concurrency and the number of evaluation servers. Both of these cases can result in idle processors if runtimes are non-uniform, so the default dynamic scheduling is preferred when relative node scheduling is not required.

Theory

Function evaluations are performed using either interfaces to simulation codes, algebraic mappings, or a combination of the two.

When employing mappings with simulation codes, the interface invokes the simulation using either forks, direct function invocations, or computational grid invocations.

- In the fork case, Dakota will treat the simulation as a black-box and communication between Dakota and the simulation occurs through parameter and result files. This is the most common case.
- In the direct function case, the simulation is internal to Dakota and communication occurs through the function parameter list. The direct case can involve linked simulation codes or test functions which are compiled into the Dakota executable. The test functions allow for rapid testing of algorithms without process creation overhead or engineering simulation expense.
- The grid case is experimental and under development, but is intended to support simulations which are external to Dakota and geographically distributed.

When employing algebraic mappings, the AMPL solver library[29] is used to evaluate a directed acyclic graph (DAG) specification from a separate stub.nl file. Separate stub.col and stub.row files are also required to declare the string identifiers of the subset of inputs and outputs, respectively, that will be used in the algebraic mappings.

6.5.1 id_interface

- Keywords Area
- interface
- id_interface

Name the interface block; helpful when there are multiple

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_identifier

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: use of last interface parsed

Description

The optional set identifier specification uses the keyword `id_interface` to input a string for use in identifying a particular interface specification. A model can then identify the use of this interface by specifying the same string in its `interface_pointer` specification.

If the `id_interface` specification is omitted, a particular interface specification will be used by a model only if that model omits specifying a `interface_pointer` and if the interface set was the last set parsed (or is the only set parsed). In common practice, if only one interface set exists, then `id_interface` can be safely omitted from the interface specification and `interface_pointer` can be omitted from the model specification(s), since there is no potential for ambiguity in this case.

Examples

For example, a model whose specification contains `interface_pointer` = 'I1' will use an interface specification with `id_interface` = 'I1'.

6.5.2 algebraic_mappings

- Keywords Area
- interface
- algebraic_mappings

Use AMPL to define algebraic input-output mappings

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no algebraic mappings

Description

If desired, one can define algebraic input-output mappings using the AMPL code[26] and save these mappings in 3 files: `stub.nl`, `stub.col`, and `stub.row`, where `stub` is a particular root name describing a particular problem. These files names can be communicated to Dakota using the `algebraic_mappings` input. This string may either specify the `stub.nl` filename, or alternatively, just the `stub` itself.

Dakota then uses `stub.col` and `stub.row` to extract the input and output identifier strings and employs the AMPL solver library[29] to process the DAG specification in `stub.nl`. The variable and objective function names declared within AMPL should be a subset of the variable descriptors and response descriptors used by Dakota (see variables and descriptors). Ordering is not important, as Dakota will reorder data as needed.

6.5.3 analysis_drivers

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers

Define how Dakota should run a function evaluation

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		analysis_components	Provide additional identifiers to analysis drivers.
	Optional		input_filter	Run a pre-processing script before the analysis drivers
	Optional		output_filter	Run a post-processing script after the analysis drivers
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	system	(Not recommended) Launch analysis drivers with a system call

			fork	Launch analysis drivers using fork command
			direct	Run analysis drivers that are linked-to or compiled-with Dakota
			matlab	Run Matlab with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build
			python	Run Python with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build
			scilab	Run Scilab with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build
			grid	Experimental capability
	Optional		failure_capture	Determine how Dakota responds to analysis driver failure
	Optional		deactivate	Deactivate Dakota features to simplify interface development, increase execution speed, or reduce memory and disk requirements

Description

The required `analysis_drivers` keyword provides the names of one or more executable analysis programs or scripts, a.k.a. "drivers" which comprise a function evaluation. The optional and required sub-keywords specify how Dakota will manage directories and files, and run the driver(s).

Types of Interfaces

Dakota has two recommended ways of running analysis drivers:

- as an external processes (`fork`), or
- using internal code to couple to the analysis driver (`direct`)

Other options are available for advanced users, and are not as well documented, supported, or tested:

- external processes (`system`)
- internal coupling (`python`, `matlab`, `scilab`, `grid`)

Use Cases

The internally coupled codes have few options because many of the details are already handled with the coupling. Their behavior is described in the direct keyword.

For external processes using the fork keyword,

A function evaluation may comprise:

1. *A single analysis driver*: Function evaluation, including all pre- and post-processing is contained entirely within a single script/executable.
2. *A single analysis driver with filters*: Function evaluation is explicitly split into pre-processing (performed by the input filter), analysis, and post-processing (by the output filter).
3. *A single analysis driver with environment variables*: Function evaluation is contained within one analysis driver, but it requires environment variables to be set before running.
4. *Multiple analysis drivers*: Drivers are run sequentially or concurrently (See the `asynchronous` keyword) and can have any of the above options as well.

For fork and system interfaces, the analysis_driver list contains the names of one or more executable programs or scripts taking parameters files as input and producing results files as output. The first field in each analysis driver string must be an executable program or script for Dakota to spawn to perform the function evaluation. Drivers support:

- One set of nested quotes, for arguments with spaces
- Dakota will define special environment variables `DAKOTA_PARAMETERS_FILE` and `DAKOTA_RESULTS_FILE` which can be used in the driver script.
- Variable definitions preceding the executable program or script, such as 'MY_VAR=2 run_analysis.sh' are no longer supported.

For details and examples see the Simulation Interface Components section of the Interfaces chapter of the User's Manual; for details on the filters and environment variables, see the subsection on Syntax for Filter and Driver Strings.

Examples

Examples:

```
1. analysis_drivers = 'run_simulation_part1.sh' 'run_simulation_part2.sh'

2. analysis_driver = 'run_simulation.sh -option "option 1"'

3. analysis_driver = 'simulation.exe -option value -dakota_params $DAKOTA_PARAMETERS_FILE -input sim.in -dakota
```

FAQ

Where will Dakota look for the analysis_driver? Dakota will locate analysis_driver programs first in (or relative to) the present working directory (".", the interface-analysis_drivers-fork-work_directory if used, otherwise the directory in which Dakota is started), then the directory from which Dakota is started, then using the system $PATH environment variable (Path% on Windows).

Where should the driver be located? When the driver is a script it is most commonly placed in the same directory as the Dakota input file. When using a work_directory, Dakota will also look for drivers in the specified working directory, so link_files or copy_files may specify the driver to get copied or linked into the work directory.

When executable programs are used as drivers, they are often elsewhere on the filesystem. These can be specified using absolute paths, or by prepending the PATH environment variable so Dakota finds them.

What if Dakota fails to run my analysis_driver? Prepend the absolute location of the driver to the PATH environment variable before running Dakota, or specify an absolute path to the driver in the Dakota input file.

analysis_components

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- analysis_components

Provide additional identifiers to analysis drivers.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no additional identifiers

Description

The optional `analysis_components` specification allows the user to provide additional identifiers (e.g., mesh file names) for use by the analysis drivers. This is particularly useful when the same analysis driver is to be reused multiple times for slightly different analyses. The specific content within the strings is open-ended and can involve whatever syntax is convenient for a particular analysis driver. The number of analysis components n_c should be an integer multiple of the number of drivers n_d, and the first n_c/n_d component strings will be passed to the first driver, etc.

input_filter

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- input_filter

Run a pre-processing script before the analysis drivers

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: no input filter

Description

The optional input_filter and output_filter specifications provide the names of separate pre- and post-processing programs or scripts which assist in mapping Dakota parameters files into analysis input files and mapping analysis output files into Dakota results files, respectively.

If there is only a single analysis driver, then it is usually most convenient to combine pre- and post-processing requirements into a single analysis driver script and omit the separate input and output filters. However, in the case of multiple analysis drivers, the input and output filters provide a convenient location for non-repeated pre- and post-processing requirements. That is, input and output filters are only executed once per function evaluation, regardless of the number of analysis drivers, which makes them convenient locations for data processing operations that are shared among the analysis drivers.

output_filter

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- output_filter

Run a post-processing script after the analysis drivers

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: no output filter

Description

The optional input_filter and output_filter specifications provide the names of separate pre- and post-processing programs or scripts which assist in mapping Dakota parameters files into analysis input files and mapping analysis output files into Dakota results files, respectively.

If there is only a single analysis driver, then it is usually most convenient to combine pre- and post-processing requirements into a single analysis driver script and omit the separate input and output filters. However, in the case of multiple analysis drivers, the input and output filters provide a convenient location for non-repeated pre- and post-processing requirements. That is, input and output filters are only executed once per function evaluation, regardless of the number of analysis drivers, which makes them convenient locations for data processing operations that are shared among the analysis drivers.

system

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system

(Not recommended) Launch analysis drivers with a system call

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		parameters_file	Specify the name of the parameters file
	Optional		results_file	Specify the name of the results file
	Optional		allow_existing_-results	Change how Dakota deals with existing results files
	Optional		verbatim	Specify the command Dakota uses to launch analysis driver(s) and filters
	Optional		aprepro	Write parameters files in APREPRO syntax
	Optional		labeled	Requires correct function value labels in results file
	Optional		file_tag	Tag each parameters & results file name with the function evaluation number
	Optional		file_save	Keep the parameters & results files after the analysis driver completes
	Optional		work_directory	Perform each function evaluation in a separate working directory

Description

The system call interface is included in Dakota for portability and backward compatibility. Users are strongly encouraged to use the `fork` interface if possible, reverting to system only when necessary. To enable the system call interface, replace the `fork` keyword with `system`. All other keywords have identical meanings to those for the fork interface

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- fork

parameters_file

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- parameters_file

Specify the name of the parameters file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: Unix temp files

Description

The parameters file is used by Dakota to pass the parameter values to the analysis driver. The name of the file can be optionally specified using the `parameters_file` keyword.

If this is not specified, the default data transfer files are temporary files with system-generated names (e.g., `/usr/tmp/aaaa08861`).

results_file

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- results_file

Specify the name of the results file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: Unix temp files

Description

The results file must be written by the analysis driver. It is read by Dakota to determine the response values for each function evaluation.

The name of the file can be optionally specified using the `results_file` keyword.

If this is not specified, the default data transfer files are temporary files with system-generated names (e.g., `/usr/tmp/aaaa08861`).

allow_existing_results

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- allow_existing_results

Change how Dakota deals with existing results files

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: results files removed before each evaluation

Description

By default Dakota will remove existing results files before invoking the `analysis_driver` to avoid problems created by stale files in the current directory. To override this behavior and not delete existing files, specify `allow_existing_results`.

verbatim

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- verbatim

Specify the command Dakota uses to launch analysis driver(s) and filters

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: driver/filter invocation syntax augmented with file names

Description

The typical commands that Dakota uses to launch analysis drivers are:

```
> analysis_driver parameters_file_name results_file_name
```

Dakota will automatically arrange the executables and file names.

If the analysis driver requires a different syntax, the entire command can be specified as the analysis driver and the `verbatim` keyword will tell Dakota to use this as the command.

Note, this will not allow the use of `file_tag`, because the exact command must be specified.

For additional information on invocation syntax, see the Interfaces chapter of the Users Manual[4].

Examples

In the following example, the analysis_driver command is run without any edits from Dakota.

```
interface
  analysis_driver = "matlab -nodesktop -nojvm -r 'MatlabDriver_hardcoded_filenames; exit' "
    fork
      parameters_file 'params.in'
      results_file 'results.out'
      verbatim # this tells Dakota to fork the command exactly as written, instead of appending I/O filenames
```

The -r flag identifies the commands that will be run by matlab. The Matlab script has the parameters_file and results_file names hardcoded, so no additional arguments are required.

aprepro

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- aprepro

Write parameters files in APREPRO syntax

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: dprepro

Argument(s): none

Default: standard parameters file format

Description

The format of data in the parameters files can be modified for direct usage with the APREPRO pre-processing tool [75] using the `aprepro` specification

Without this keyword, the parameters file are written in DPrePro format. DPrePro is a utility included with Dakota, described in the Users Manual[4].

labeled

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- labeled

Requires correct function value labels in results file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Function value labels optional

Description

The `labeled` keyword directs Dakota to enforce a stricter results file format and enables more detailed error reporting.

When the `labeled` keyword is used, function values in results files must be accompanied by their corresponding descriptors. If the user did not supply response descriptors in her Dakota input file, then Dakota auto-generated descriptors are expected.

Distinct error messages are emitted for function values that are out-of-order, repeated, or missing. Labels that appear without a function value and unexpected data are also reported as errors. Dakota attempts to report all errors in a results file, not just the first it encounters. After reporting results file errors, Dakota aborts.

Labels for analytic gradients and Hessians currently are not supported.

Although the `labeled` keyword is optional, its use is recommended to help catch and identify problems with results files. The User's Manual contains further information about the results file format.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota does not require labels for function values, and ignores them if they are present.

file_tag

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- file_tag

Tag each parameters & results file name with the function evaluation number

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no tagging

Description

If this keyword is used, Dakota will append a period and the function evaluation number to the names of the parameter and results files.

For example, if the following is included in the `interface` section of the Dakota input:

```
parameters_file = params.in
results_file = results.out
file_tag
```

Then for the 3rd evaluation, Dakota will write `params.in.3`, and will expect `results.out.3` to be written by the analysis driver.

If this keyword is omitted, the default is no file tagging.

File tagging is most useful when multiple function evaluations are running simultaneously using files in a shared disk space. The analysis driver will be able to infer the function evaluation number from the file names. Note that when the `file_save` keyword is used, Dakota renames parameters and results files, giving them tags, after execution of the analysis driver if they otherwise would be overwritten by the next evaluation.

file_save

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- file_save

Keep the parameters & results files after the analysis driver completes

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: file cleanup

Description

If `file_save` is used, Dakota will not delete the parameters and results files after the function evaluation is completed.

The default behavior is NOT to save these files.

If `file_tag` is not specified and the saved files would be overwritten by a future evaluation, Dakota renames them after the analysis driver has run by tagging them with the evaluation number.

File saving is most useful when debugging the data communication between Dakota and the simulation.

work_directory

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory

Perform each function evaluation in a separate working directory

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no work directory

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		named	The base name of the work directory created by Dakota
	Optional		directory_tag	Tag each work directory with the function evaluation number
	Optional		directory_save	Preserve the work directory after function evaluation completion

	Optional	link_files	Paths to be linked into each working directory
	Optional	copy_files	Files and directories to be copied into each working directory
	Optional	replace	Overwrite existing files within a work directory

Description

When performing concurrent evaluations, it is typically necessary to cloister simulation input and output files in separate directories to avoid conflicts. When the `work_directory` feature is enabled, Dakota will create a directory for each evaluation, with optional tagging (`directory_tag`) and saving (`directory_save`), as with files, and execute the analysis driver from that working directory.

The directory may be `named` with a string, or left anonymous to use an automatically-generated directory in the system's temporary file space, e.g., /tmp/dakota_work_c93vb71z/. The optional `link_files` and `copy_files` keywords specify files or directories which should appear in each working directory.

When using work_directory, the analysis_drivers may be given by an absolute path, located in (or relative to) the startup directory alongside the Dakota input file, in the list of template files linked or copied, or on the $PATH (Path% on Windows).

named

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- named

The base name of the work directory created by Dakota

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: workdir

Description

The named keyword is followed by a string, indicating the name of the work directory created by Dakota. If relative, the work directory will be created relative to the directory from which Dakota is invoked.

If named is not used, the default work directory is a temporary directory with a system-generated name (e.g., /tmp/dakota_work_c93vb71z/).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- directory_tag
- directory_save

directory_tag

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- directory_tag

Tag each work directory with the function evaluation number

Specification

Alias: dir_tag

Argument(s): none

Default: no work directory tagging

Description

If this keyword is used, Dakota will append a period and the function evaluation number to the work directory names.

If this keyword is omitted, the default is no tagging, and the same work directory will be used for ALL function evaluations. Tagging is most useful when multiple function evaluations are running simultaneously.

directory_save

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- directory_save

Preserve the work directory after function evaluation completion

Specification

Alias: dir_save
Argument(s): none
Default: remove work directory

Description

By default, when a working directory is created by Dakota using the `work_directory` keyword, it is deleted after the evaluation is completed. The `directory_save` keyword will cause Dakota to leave (not delete) the directory.

link_files

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- link_files

Paths to be linked into each working directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no linked files

Description

Specifies the paths (files or directories) that will be symbolically linked from each working directory. Wildcards using $*$ and ? are permitted. Linking is space-saving and useful for files not modified during the function evaluation. However, not all filesystems support linking, for example, support on Windows varies.

Examples

Specifying

```
link_files = 'siminput*.in' '/path/to/simdir1' 'simdir2/*'
```

will create copies

```
workdir/siminput*.in  # links to each of rundir / siminput*.in
workdir/simdir1/      # whole directory simdir1 linked
workdir/*             # each entry in directory simdir2 linked
```

copy_files

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- copy_files

Files and directories to be copied into each working directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no copied files

Description

Specifies the files or directories that will be recursively copied into each working directory. Wildcards using $*$ and ? are permitted.

Examples

Specifying

```
copy_files = 'siminput*.in' '/path/to/simdir1' 'simdir2/*'
```

will create copies

```
workdir/siminput*.in  # files rundir/siminput*.in copied
workdir/simdir1/      # whole directory simdir1 recursively copied
workdir/*     # contents of directory simdir2 recursively copied
```

where rundir is the directory in which Dakota was started.

replace

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- system
- work_directory
- replace

Overwrite existing files within a work directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: do not overwrite files

Description

By default, Dakota will not overwrite any existing files in a work directory. The `replace` keyword changes this behavior to force overwriting.

fork

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork

Launch analysis drivers using fork command

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		parameters_file	Specify the name of the parameters file
	Optional		results_file	Specify the name of the results file
	Optional		allow_existing_-results	Change how Dakota deals with existing results files
	Optional		verbatim	Specify the command Dakota uses to launch analysis driver(s) and filters

	Optional	aprepro	Write parameters files in APREPRO syntax
	Optional	labeled	Requires correct function value labels in results file
	Optional	file_tag	Tag each parameters & results file name with the function evaluation number
	Optional	file_save	Keep the parameters & results files after the analysis driver completes
	Optional	work_directory	Perform each function evaluation in a separate working directory

Description

The `fork` interface is the most common means by which Dakota launches a separate application analysis process.

The `fork` interface is recommended over `system` for most analysis drivers that are external to Dakota (i.e. not using the `direct` interface).

As explained in the Users Manual, the parameters and results file names are passed on the command line to the analysis driver(s). If input/output filters are specified, they will be run before/after the analysis drivers. The `verbatim` keyword is used to modify the default driver/filter commands.

For additional information on invocation syntax, see the Interfaces chapter of the Users Manual[4].

Examples

```
interface
  analysis_drivers = 'rosenbrock'
    fork
      parameters_file = 'params.in'
      results_file   = 'results.out'
      file_tag
      file_save
```

parameters_file

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- parameters_file

Specify the name of the parameters file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: Unix temp files

Description

The parameters file is used by Dakota to pass the parameter values to the analysis driver. The name of the file can be optionally specified using the `parameters_file` keyword.

If this is not specified, the default data transfer files are temporary files with system-generated names (e.g., `/usr/tmp/aaaa08861`).

results_file

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- results_file

Specify the name of the results file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: Unix temp files

Description

The results file must be written by the analysis driver. It is read by Dakota to determine the response values for each function evaluation.

The name of the file can be optionally specified using the `results_file` keyword.

If this is not specified, the default data transfer files are temporary files with system-generated names (e.g., `/usr/tmp/aaaa08861`).

allow_existing_results

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- allow_existing_results

Change how Dakota deals with existing results files

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: results files removed before each evaluation

Description

By default Dakota will remove existing results files before invoking the `analysis_driver` to avoid problems created by stale files in the current directory. To override this behavior and not delete existing files, specify `allow_existing_results`.

verbatim

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- verbatim

Specify the command Dakota uses to launch analysis driver(s) and filters

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: driver/filter invocation syntax augmented with file names

Description

The typical commands that Dakota uses to launch analysis drivers are:

```
> analysis_driver parameters_file_name results_file_name
```

Dakota will automatically arrange the executables and file names.

If the analysis driver requires a different syntax, the entire command can be specified as the analysis driver and the `verbatim` keyword will tell Dakota to use this as the command.

Note, this will not allow the use of `file_tag`, because the exact command must be specified.

For additional information on invocation syntax, see the Interfaces chapter of the Users Manual[4].

Examples

In the following example, the analysis_driver command is run without any edits from Dakota.

```
interface
  analysis_driver = "matlab -nodesktop -nojvm -r 'MatlabDriver_hardcoded_filenames; exit' "
    fork
      parameters_file 'params.in'
      results_file 'results.out'
      verbatim # this tells Dakota to fork the command exactly as written, instead of appending I/O filenames
```

The -r flag identifies the commands that will be run by matlab. The Matlab script has the parameters_file and results_file names hardcoded, so no additional arguments are required.

aprepro

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- aprepro

Write parameters files in APREPRO syntax

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: dprepro
Argument(s): none
Default: standard parameters file format

Description

The format of data in the parameters files can be modified for direct usage with the APREPRO pre-processing tool [75] using the `aprepro` specification

Without this keyword, the parameters file are written in DPrePro format. DPrePro is a utility included with Dakota, described in the Users Manual[4].

labeled

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- labeled

Requires correct function value labels in results file

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Function value labels optional

Description

The `labeled` keyword directs Dakota to enforce a stricter results file format and enables more detailed error reporting.

When the `labeled` keyword is used, function values in results files must be accompanied by their corresponding descriptors. If the user did not supply response descriptors in her Dakota input file, then Dakota auto-generated descriptors are expected.

Distinct error messages are emitted for function values that are out-of-order, repeated, or missing. Labels that appear without a function value and unexpected data are also reported as errors. Dakota attempts to report all errors in a results file, not just the first it encounters. After reporting results file errors, Dakota aborts.

Labels for analytic gradients and Hessians currently are not supported.

Although the `labeled` keyword is optional, its use is recommended to help catch and identify problems with results files. The User's Manual contains further information about the results file format.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota does not require labels for function values, and ignores them if they are present.

file_tag

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- file_tag

Tag each parameters & results file name with the function evaluation number

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no tagging

Description

If this keyword is used, Dakota will append a period and the function evaluation number to the names of the parameter and results files.

For example, if the following is included in the `interface` section of the Dakota input:

```
parameters_file = params.in
results_file = results.out
file_tag
```

Then for the 3rd evaluation, Dakota will write `params.in.3`, and will expect `results.out.3` to be written by the analysis driver.

If this keyword is omitted, the default is no file tagging.

File tagging is most useful when multiple function evaluations are running simultaneously using files in a shared disk space. The analysis driver will be able to infer the function evaluation number from the file names. Note that when the `file_save` keyword is used, Dakota renames parameters and results files, giving them tags, after execution of the analysis driver if they otherwise would be overwritten by the next evaluation.

file_save

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- file_save

Keep the parameters & results files after the analysis driver completes

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: file cleanup

Description

If `file_save` is used, Dakota will not delete the parameters and results files after the function evaluation is completed.

The default behavior is NOT to save these files.

If `file_tag` is not specified and the saved files would be overwritten by a future evaluation, Dakota renames them after the analysis driver has run by tagging them with the evaluation number.

File saving is most useful when debugging the data communication between Dakota and the simulation.

work_directory

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory

Perform each function evaluation in a separate working directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no work directory

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		named	The base name of the work directory created by Dakota
	Optional		directory_tag	Tag each work directory with the function evaluation number
	Optional		directory_save	Preserve the work directory after function evaluation completion
	Optional		link_files	Paths to be linked into each working directory
	Optional		copy_files	Files and directories to be copied into each working directory
	Optional		replace	Overwrite existing files within a work directory

Description

When performing concurrent evaluations, it is typically necessary to cloister simulation input and output files in separate directories to avoid conflicts. When the `work_directory` feature is enabled, Dakota will create a directory for each evaluation, with optional tagging (`directory_tag`) and saving (`directory_save`), as with files, and execute the analysis driver from that working directory.

The directory may be `named` with a string, or left anonymous to use an automatically-generated directory in the system's temporary file space, e.g., /tmp/dakota_work_c93vb71z/. The optional `link_files` and `copy_files` keywords specify files or directories which should appear in each working directory.

When using work_directory, the analysis_drivers may be given by an absolute path, located in (or relative to) the startup directory alongside the Dakota input file, in the list of template files linked or copied, or on the $PATH (Path% on Windows).

named

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork

- work_directory
- named

The base name of the work directory created by Dakota

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING
Default: workdir

Description

The `named` keyword is followed by a string, indicating the name of the work directory created by Dakota. If relative, the work directory will be created relative to the directory from which Dakota is invoked.

If `named` is not used, the default work directory is a temporary directory with a system-generated name (e.g., `/tmp/dakota_work_c93vb71z/`).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- directory_tag
- directory_save

directory_tag

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory
- directory_tag

Tag each work directory with the function evaluation number

Specification

Alias: dir_tag
Argument(s): none
Default: no work directory tagging

Description

If this keyword is used, Dakota will append a period and the function evaluation number to the work directory names.

If this keyword is omitted, the default is no tagging, and the same work directory will be used for ALL function evaluations. Tagging is most useful when multiple function evaluations are running simultaneously.

directory_save

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory
- directory_save

Preserve the work directory after function evaluation completion

Specification

Alias: dir_save
Argument(s): none
Default: remove work directory

Description

By default, when a working directory is created by Dakota using the `work_directory` keyword, it is deleted after the evaluation is completed. The `directory_save` keyword will cause Dakota to leave (not delete) the directory.

link_files

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory
- link_files

Paths to be linked into each working directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no linked files

Description

Specifies the paths (files or directories) that will be symbolically linked from each working directory. Wildcards using $*$ and ? are permitted. Linking is space-saving and useful for files not modified during the function evaluation. However, not all filesystems support linking, for example, support on Windows varies.

Examples

Specifying

```
link_files = 'siminput*.in' '/path/to/simdir1' 'simdir2/*'
```

will create copies

```
workdir/siminput*.in  # links to each of rundir / siminput*.in
workdir/simdir1/      # whole directory simdir1 linked
workdir/*             # each entry in directory simdir2 linked
```

copy_files

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory
- copy_files

Files and directories to be copied into each working directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no copied files

Description

Specifies the files or directories that will be recursively copied into each working directory. Wildcards using $*$ and ? are permitted.

Examples

Specifying

```
copy_files = 'siminput*.in' '/path/to/simdir1' 'simdir2/*'
```

will create copies

```
workdir/siminput*.in  # files rundir/siminput*.in copied
workdir/simdir1/      # whole directory simdir1 recursively copied
workdir/*     # contents of directory simdir2 recursively copied
```

where rundir is the directory in which Dakota was started.

replace

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- fork
- work_directory
- replace

Overwrite existing files within a work directory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: do not overwrite files

Description

By default, Dakota will not overwrite any existing files in a work directory. The `replace` keyword changes this behavior to force overwriting.

direct

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- direct

Run analysis drivers that are linked-to or compiled-with Dakota

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		processors_per_analysis	Specify the number of processors per analysis when Dakota is run in parallel

Description

The primary use of the direct interface is to invoke internal test functions that perform parameter to response mappings for simple functions as inexpensively as possible. These problems are compiled directly into the Dakota executable as part of the direct function interface class and are used for algorithm testing.

Dakota also supports direct interfaces to a few select simulation codes. One example is ModelCenter, a commercial simulation management framework from Phoenix Integration. To utilize this interface, a user must first define the simulation specifics within a ModelCenter session and then save these definitions to a ModelCenter configuration file. The `analysis_components` specification provides the means to communicate this configuration file to Dakota's ModelCenter interface.

Examples

The rosenbrock function is available as an executable, which can be launched with fork, and is also compiled with Dakota. The internal version can be launched with:

```
interface
  analysis_drivers = 'rosenbrock'
    direct
```

processors_per_analysis

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- direct
- processors_per_analysis

Specify the number of processors per analysis when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: no override of auto configure

Description

For direct function interfaces, `processors_per_analysis` is an additional optional setting within the required group which can be used to specify multiprocessor analysis partitions. As with the `evaluation_servers`, `analysis_servers`, `evaluation_self_scheduling`, `evaluation_static_scheduling`, `analysis_self_scheduling`, and `analysis_static_scheduling` specifications, `processors_per_analysis` provides a means for the user to override the automatic parallel configuration (refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4]) for the number of processors used for each analysis partition. Note that if both `analysis_servers` and `processors_per_analysis` are specified and they are not in agreement, then `analysis_servers` takes precedence.

matlab

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- matlab

Run Matlab with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Dakota supports library-linked interfaces to Matlab, Scilab, and Python scientific computation software, but they must be explicitly enabled when compiling Dakota from source. First consult the Users Manual[4] for discussion and examples.

Contact the Dakota users mailing list for assistance building and using Dakota with these interfaces.

In all these interfaces, the `analysis_driver` is used to specify a Matlab, Scilab, or Python file which implements the parameter to response mapping.

python

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- python

Run Python with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		numpy	Enable the use of numpy in Dakota's Python interface

Description

Dakota supports library-linked interfaces to Matlab, Scilab, and Python scientific computation software, but they must be explicitly enabled when compiling Dakota from source. First consult the Users Manual[4] for discussion and examples.

Contact the Dakota users mailing list for assistance building and using Dakota with these interfaces.

In all these interfaces, the `analysis_driver` is used to specify a Matlab, Scilab, or Python file which implements the parameter to response mapping.

numpy

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- python
- numpy

Enable the use of numpy in Dakota's Python interface

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: Python list dataflow

Description

When the `numpy` keyword is used, Dakota expects responses in the form of a Python dictionary of numpy arrays. See the example in `examples/linked_interfaces/Python`.

scilab

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- scilab

Run Scilab with a direct interface - requires special Dakota build

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

Dakota supports library-linked interfaces to Matlab, Scilab, and Python scientific computation software, but they must be explicitly enabled when compiling Dakota from source. First consult the Users Manual[4] for discussion and examples.

Contact the Dakota users mailing list for assistance building and using Dakota with these interfaces.

In all these interfaces, the `analysis_driver` is used to specify a Matlab, Scilab, or Python file which implements the parameter to response mapping.

grid

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- grid

Experimental capability

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

For grid interfaces, no additional specifications are used at this time.

This capability has been used for interfaces with IDEA and JAVASpaces in the past and is currently a placeholder for future work with Condor and/or Globus services. It is not currently operational.

failure_capture

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- failure_capture

Determine how Dakota responds to analysis driver failure

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: abort

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**failure mitigation (Group 1)**	abort	(Default) Abort the Dakota job
			retry	Rerun failed analyses
			recover	Substitute dummy values for the responses
			continuation	Cause Dakota to step toward the failed "target" simulation from a nearby successful "source"

Description

Dakota can deal with analysis failure in a few ways.

The first step is that Dakota must detect analysis failure. Importantly, Dakota always expects a results file to be written by the analysis driver, even when a failure has occurred. If the file does not exist when the analysis driver exits, a Dakota error results, causing Dakota itself to terminate. The analysis driver communicates an analysis failure to Dakota by writing a results file beginning with the word "fail", which is not case sensitive. Everything after "fail" is ignored.

Once Dakota detects analysis failure, the failure can be mitigated in four ways:

- abort (the default)
- retry
- recover
- continuation

Refer to the Simulation Code Failure Capturing chapter of the Users Manual[4] for additional information.

abort

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- failure_capture
- abort

(Default) Abort the Dakota job

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

`abort` will stop the Dakota job, as well as any other running analysis drivers.

retry

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- failure_capture
- retry

Rerun failed analyses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The `retry` selection supports an integer input for specifying a limit on retries

recover

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- failure_capture
- recover

Substitute dummy values for the responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): REALLIST

Description

The `recover` selection supports a list of reals for specifying the dummy function values (only zeroth order information is supported) to use for the failed function evaluation.

continuation

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- failure_capture
- continuation

Cause Dakota to step toward the failed "target" simulation from a nearby successful "source"

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

When `failure_capture continuation` is enabled and an evaluation fails, then Dakota will attempt to march incrementally from a previous good evaluation (the "source") toward the failing one (the "target"). Further details about the algorithm employed by Dakota are supplied in the User's Manual [4].

deactivate

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate

Deactivate Dakota features to simplify interface development, increase execution speed, or reduce memory and disk requirements

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: Active set vector control, function evaluation cache, and restart file features are active

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		active_set_vector	Deactivate the Active Set Vector
	Optional		evaluation_cache	Do not retain function evaluation history in memory

	Optional	strict_cache_equality	Do not require strict cache equality when finding duplicates
	Optional	restart_file	Deactivate writing to the restart file

Description

The optional `deactivate` specification block includes three features which a user may deactivate in order to simplify interface development, increase execution speed, and/or reduce memory and disk requirements:

- Active set vector (ASV) control: deactivation of this feature using a `deactivate active_set_vector` specification allows the user to turn off any variability in ASV values so that active set logic can be omitted in the user's simulation interface. This option trades some efficiency for simplicity in interface development. The default behavior is to request the minimum amount of data required by an algorithm at any given time, which implies that the ASV values may vary from one function evaluation to the next. Since the user's interface must return the data set requested by the ASV values, this interface must contain additional logic to account for any variations in ASV content. Deactivating this ASV control causes Dakota to always request a "full" data set (the full function, gradient, and Hessian data that is available from the interface as specified in the responses specification) on each function evaluation. For example, if ASV control has been deactivated and the responses section specifies four response functions, analytic gradients, and no Hessians, then the ASV on every function evaluation will be { 3 3 3 3 }, regardless of what subset of this data is currently needed. While wasteful of computations in many instances, this simplifies the interface and allows the user to return the same data set on every evaluation. Conversely, if ASV control is active (the default behavior), then the ASV requests in this example might vary from { 1 1 1 1 } to { 2 0 0 2 }, etc., according to the specific data needed on a particular function evaluation. This will require the user's interface to read the ASV requests and perform the appropriate logic in conditionally returning only the data requested. In general, the default ASV behavior is recommended for the sake of computational efficiency, unless interface development time is a critical concern. Note that in both cases, the data returned to Dakota from the user's interface must match the ASV passed in, or else a response recovery error will result. However, when the ASV control is deactivated, the ASV values are invariant and need not be checked on every evaluation. *Note:* Deactivating the ASV control can have a positive effect on load balancing for parallel Dakota executions. Thus, there is significant overlap in this ASV control option with speculative gradients. There is also overlap with the mode override approach used with certain optimizers to combine individual value, gradient, and Hessian requests.

- Function evaluation cache: deactivation of this feature using a `deactivate evaluation_cache` specification allows the user to avoid retention of the complete function evaluation history in memory. This can be important for reducing memory requirements in large-scale applications (i.e., applications with a large number of variables or response functions) and for eliminating the overhead of searching for duplicates within the function evaluation cache prior to each new function evaluation (e.g., for improving speed in problems with 1000's of inexpensive function evaluations or for eliminating overhead when performing timing studies). However, the downside is that unnecessary computations may be performed since duplication in function evaluation requests may not be detected. For this reason, this option is not recommended when function evaluations are costly. *Note:* duplication detection within Dakota can be deactivated, but duplication detection features within specific optimizers may still be active.

- Strict Cache Equality: By default, Dakota's evaluation cache and restart capabilities are based on strict binary equality. This provides a performance advantage, as it permits a hash-based data structure to be used

to search the evaluation cache. However, deactiving strict equality may prevent cache misses, which can occur when attempting to use a restart file on a machine different from the one on which it was generated.

- Restart file: deactivation of this feature using a `deactivate restart_file` specification allows the user to eliminate the output of each new function evaluation to the binary restart file. This can increase speed and reduce disk storage requirements, but at the expense of a loss in the ability to recover and continue a run that terminates prematurely (e.g., due to a system crash or network problem). This option is not recommended when function evaluations are costly or prone to failure. Please note that using the `deactivate restart_file` specification will result in a zero length restart file with the default name `dakota.rst`.

These three features may be deactivated independently and concurrently.

active_set_vector

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate
- active_set_vector

Deactivate the Active Set Vector

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Described on parent page

evaluation_cache

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate
- evaluation_cache

Do not retain function evaluation history in memory

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Described on parent page

strict_cache_equality

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate
- strict_cache_equality

Do not require strict cache equality when finding duplicates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		cache_tolerance	Specify tolerance when identifying duplicate function evaluations

Description

Described on parent page

cache_tolerance

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate
- strict_cache_equality
- cache_tolerance

Specify tolerance when identifying duplicate function evaluations

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): REAL

Description

Described on parent page

restart_file

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_drivers
- deactivate
- restart_file

Deactivate writing to the restart file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Described on parent page

6.5.4 asynchronous

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous

Specify analysis driver concurrency, when Dakota is run in serial

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: synchronous interface usage

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional	evaluation_concurrency	Determine how many concurrent evaluations Dakota will schedule
	Optional	local_evaluation_scheduling	Control how local asynchronous jobs are scheduled
	Optional	analysis_concurrency	Limit the number of analysis drivers within an evaluation that Dakota will schedule

Description

The optional `asynchronous` keyword specifies use of asynchronous protocols (i.e., background system calls, nonblocking forks, POSIX threads) when evaluations or analyses are invoked. The `evaluation_concurrency` and `analysis_concurrency` specifications serve a dual purpose:

- when running Dakota on a single processor in `asynchronous` mode, the default concurrency of evaluations and analyses is all concurrency that is available. The `evaluation_concurrency` and `analysis_concurrency` specifications can be used to limit this concurrency in order to avoid machine overload or usage policy violation.
- when running Dakota on multiple processors in message passing mode, the default concurrency of evaluations and analyses on each of the servers is one (i.e., the parallelism is exclusively that of the message passing). With the `evaluation_concurrency` and `analysis_concurrency` specifications, a hybrid parallelism can be selected through combination of message passing parallelism with asynchronous parallelism on each server.

evaluation_concurrency

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous
- evaluation_concurrency

Determine how many concurrent evaluations Dakota will schedule

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGER

Default: local: unlimited concurrency, hybrid: no concurrency

Description

When `asynchronous` execution is enabled, the default behavior is to launch all available evaluations simultaneously. The `evaluation_concurrency` keywrod can be used to limit the number of concurrent evaluations.

local_evaluation_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous
- local_evaluation_scheduling

Control how local asynchronous jobs are scheduled

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: dynamic

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** dynamic	**Dakota Keyword Description** Dynamic local scheduling (sequential)
			static	Static local scheduling (tiled)

Description

When performing asynchronous local evaluations, the local_evaluation_scheduling keyword controls how new evaluation jobs are dispatched when one completes.

The two options are:

- `dynamic`
- `static`

If the local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as dynamic (the default), each completed evaluation will be replaced by the next in the local evaluation queue.

If local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as static, each completed evaluation will be replaced by an evaluation number that is congruent modulo the evaluation_concurrency. This is helpful for relative node scheduling as described in Dakota/examples/parallelism. For example, assuming only asynchronous local concurrency (no MPI), if the local concurrency is 6 and job 2 completes, it will be replaced with job 8.

For the case of hybrid parallelism, static local scheduling results in evaluation replacements that are modulo the total capacity, defined as the product of the evaluation concurrency and the number of evaluation servers. Both of these cases can result in idle processors if runtimes are non-uniform, so the default dynamic scheduling is preferred when relative node scheduling is not required.

dynamic

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous
- local_evaluation_scheduling
- dynamic

Dynamic local scheduling (sequential)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

If the local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as dynamic (the default), each completed evaluation will be replaced by the next in the local evaluation queue.

static

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous
- local_evaluation_scheduling
- static

Static local scheduling (tiled)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

If local_evaluation_scheduling is specified as static, each completed evaluation will be replaced by an evaluation number that is congruent modulo the evaluation_concurrency. This is helpful for relative node scheduling as described in Dakota/examples/parallelism. For example, assuming only asynchronous local concurrency (no MPI), if the local concurrency is 6 and job 2 completes, it will be replaced with job 8.

For the case of hybrid parallelism, static local scheduling results in evaluation replacements that are modulo the total capacity, defined as the product of the evaluation concurrency and the number of evaluation servers. Both of these cases can result in idle processors if runtimes are non-uniform, so the default dynamic scheduling is preferred when relative node scheduling is not required.

analysis_concurrency

- Keywords Area
- interface
- asynchronous
- analysis_concurrency

Limit the number of analysis drivers within an evaluation that Dakota will schedule

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: local: unlimited concurrency, hybrid: no concurrency

Description

When `asynchronous` execution is enabled and each evaluation involves multiple analysis drivers, then the default behavior is to launch all drivers simultaneously. The `analysis_concurrency` keyword can be used to limit the number of concurrently run drivers.

6.5.5 evaluation_servers

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_servers

Specify the number of evaluation servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no override of auto configure

Description

The optional `evaluation_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of evaluation servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the evaluation parallelism level. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

6.5.6 evaluation_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_scheduling

Specify the scheduling of concurrent evaluations when Dakota is run in parallel

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: automatic (see discussion)

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** master	**Dakota Keyword Description** Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel evaluation scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel evaluation scheduling

Description

When Dakota is run in parallel, the partition type and scheduling for the evaluation servers are determined automatically. If these settings are undesirable, they may be overridden by the user using the `evaluation_scheduling` keyword.

The partition type and scheduling are

master

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_scheduling
- master

Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel evaluation scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the "master") dynamically schedules work on the evaluation servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel evaluation scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword dynamic	Dakota Keyword Description Specify dynamic scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.
			static	Specify static scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to evaluation servers. The scheduling,`static` or `dynamic`, must also be specified.

dynamic

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_scheduling
- peer
- dynamic

Specify dynamic scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dynamic (see discussion)

Description

In `dynamic` scheduling, evaluations are assigned to servers as earlier evaluations complete. Dynamic scheduling is advantageous when evaluations are of uneven duration.

static

- Keywords Area
- interface
- evaluation_scheduling
- peer
- static

Specify static scheduling in a peer partition when Dakota is run in parallel.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

In `static` scheduling, all available evaluations are assigned to servers in a predetermined fashion. Each completed evaluation is replaced with one congruent modulo the evaluation concurrency. For example, with 6 servers, eval number 2 will be replaced by eval number 8.

6.5.7 processors_per_evaluation

- Keywords Area
- interface
- processors_per_evaluation

Specify the number of processors per evaluation server when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

The optional `processors_per_evaluation` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of processors in each evaluation server. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired server size at the evaluation parallelism level. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

6.5.8 analysis_servers

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_servers

Specify the number of analysis servers when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: no override of auto configure

Description

The optional `analysis_servers` specification supports user override of the automatic parallel configuration for the number of analysis servers. That is, if the automatic configuration is undesirable for some reason, the user can enforce a desired number of partitions at the analysis parallelism level. Refer to ParallelLibrary and the Parallel Computing chapter of the Users Manual [4] for additional information.

6.5.9 analysis_scheduling

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_scheduling

Specify the scheduling of concurrent analyses when Dakota is run in parallel

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: no override of auto configure

	Required/-Optional Required*(Choose One)*	Description of Group Group 1	Dakota Keyword master	Dakota Keyword Description Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel analysis scheduling
			peer	Specify a peer partition for parallel analysis scheduling

Description

When Dakota is run in parallel, the partition type for the analysis servers is determined automatically. If this setting is undesirable, it may be overridden by the user using the `analysis_scheduling` keyword.

The partition type and scheduling are

master

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_scheduling
- master

Specify a dedicated master partition for parallel analysis scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a dedicated master partition. In a dedicated master partition, one processor (the ”master”) dynamically schedules work on the analysis servers. This reduces the number of processors available to create servers by 1.

peer

- Keywords Area
- interface
- analysis_scheduling
- peer

Specify a peer partition for parallel analysis scheduling

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- concurrency_and_parallelism

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

This option overrides the Dakota parallel automatic configuration, forcing the use of a peer partition. In a peer partition, all processors are available to be assigned to analysis servers. Note that unlike the case of `evaluation_scheduling`, it is not possible to specify `static` or `dynamic`.

6.6 responses

- Keywords Area
- responses

Description of the model output data returned to Dakota upon evaluation of an interface.

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description

	Optional		id_responses	Name the response block, helpful when there are multiple
	Optional		descriptors	Labels for the responses
	Required(*Choose One*)	**Group 1**	objective_functions	Response type suitable for optimization
			calibration_terms	Response type suitable for calibration or least squares
			response_functions	Generic response type
	Required(*Choose One*)	**gradient type (Group 2)**	no_gradients	Gradients will not be used
			analytic_gradients	Analysis driver will return gradients
			mixed_gradients	Gradients are needed and will be obtained from a mix of numerical and analytic sources
			numerical_-gradients	Gradients are needed and will be approximated by finite differences
	Required(*Choose One*)	**Hessian type (Group 3)**	no_hessians	Hessians will not be used
			numerical_hessians	Hessians are needed and will be approximated by finite differences
			quasi_hessians	Hessians are needed and will be approximated by secant updates (BFGS or SR1) from a series of gradient evaluations

			analytic_hessians	Hessians are needed and are available directly from the analysis driver
			mixed_hessians	Hessians are needed and will be obtained from a mix of numerical, analytic, and "quasi" sources

Description

The `responses` specification in a Dakota input file indicates the types of data that can be returned by an interface when invoked during Dakota's execution. The specification includes three groups and two optional keywords.

Group 1 is related to the type and number of responses expected by Dakota

The specification must be one of three types:

1. objective and constraint functions
2. calibration (least squares) terms and constraint functions
3. a generic response functions specification.

These correspond to optimization, least squares, and uncertainty quantification methods, respectively. The response type chosen from Group 1 should be consistent with the iterative technique called for in the method specification. Certain general-purpose iterative techniques, such as parameter studies and design of experiments methods, can be used with any of these data sets.

Each type of response has additional required and optional keywords.

Group 2 is related to the availability of first derivatives (gradient vectors) for the response functions.

The gradient specification also links back to the iterative method used. Gradients commonly are needed when the iterative study involves gradient-based optimization, local reliability analysis for uncertainty quantification, or local sensitivity analysis. They can optionally be used to build some types of surrogate models.

Group 3 is related to the availability of second derivatives (Hessian matrices) for the response functions.

Hessian availability for the response functions is similar to the gradient availability specifications, with the addition of support for "quasi-Hessians". The Hessian specification also links back to the iterative method in use; Hessians commonly would be used in gradient-based optimization by full Newton methods or in reliability analysis with second-order limit state approximations or second-order probability integrations.

Examples

Several examples follow. The first example shows an optimization data set containing an objective function and two nonlinear inequality constraints. These three functions have analytic gradient availability and no Hessian availability.

```
responses
  objective_functions = 1
    nonlinear_inequality_constraints = 2
  analytic_gradients
  no_hessians
```

The next example shows a typical specification for a calibration data set. The six residual functions will have numerical gradients computed using the dakota finite differencing routine with central differences of 0.1% (plus/minus delta relative to current variables value = .001∗value).

```
responses
  calibration_terms = 6
  numerical_gradients
    method_source dakota
    interval_type central
    fd_gradient_step_size = .001
  no_hessians
```

The last example shows a generic specification that could be used with a nondeterministic sampling iterator. The three response functions have no gradient or Hessian availability; therefore, only function values will be used by the iterator.

```
responses
  response_functions = 3
  no_gradients
  no_hessians
```

Parameter study and design of experiments iterators are not restricted in terms of the response data sets which may be catalogued; they may be used with any of the function specification examples shown above.

Theory

Responses specify the total data set that is available for use by the method over the course of iteration. This is distinguished from the data subset described by an active set vector (see Dakota File Data Formats in the Users Manual [Adams et al., 2010]) indicating the particular subset of the response data needed for a particular function evaluation. Thus, the responses specification is a broad description of the data to be used during a study whereas the active set vector indicates the subset currently needed.

6.6.1 id_responses

- Keywords Area
- responses
- id_responses

Name the response block, helpful when there are multiple

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- block_identifier

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRING

Default: use of last responses parsed

Description

The optional block identifier `id_responses` specifies a string to uniquely identify a particular responses specification (typically used when there are multiple present). A model can then specify or point to this response set by specifying the same string in its `responses_pointer` specification. For example, a model whose specification contains `responses_pointer = 'R1'` will use a responses set with `id_responses = 'R1'`.

If the `id_responses` specification is omitted, a particular responses specification will be used by a model only if that model omits specifying a `responses_pointer` and if the responses set was the last set parsed (or is the only set parsed). In common practice, if only one responses set exists, then `id_responses` can be safely omitted from the responses specification and `responses_pointer` can be omitted from the model specification(s), since there is no potential for ambiguity in this case.

6.6.2 descriptors

- Keywords Area
- responses
- descriptors

Labels for the responses

Specification

Alias: response_descriptors
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: root strings plus numeric identifiers

Description

The optional response labels specification `descriptors` is a list of strings which will be printed in Dakota output to identify the values for particular response functions.

Note that the ordering of responses and descriptors in the input **currently** must match the order of the values returned to Dakota in a results_file. See the example below.

The default descriptor strings use a root string plus a numeric identifier. This root string is

- `"obj_fn"` for objective functions
- `"least_sq_term"` for least squares terms
- `"response_fn"` for generic response functions
- `"nln_ineq_con"` for nonlinear inequality constraints
- `"nln_eq_con"` for nonlinear equality constraints

Examples

Note that the descriptors **currently** must match the order of the values in the results file; they are not used to validate the returned data. For example, if the `responses` block contains:

```
\c descriptors 'x1' 'x2' 'x3'
```

and the results file contains

```
4 x1
5 x3
6 x2
```

Then Dakota will understand the returned data to be:

```
x1 = 4
x2 = 5
x3 = 6
```

6.6.3 objective_functions

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions

Response type suitable for optimization

Specification

Alias: num_objective_functions

Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		sense	Whether to minimize or maximize each objective function
	Optional		primary_scale_-types	Choose a scaling type for each response
	Optional		primary_scales	Supply a characteristic value to scale each reponse
	Optional		weights	Specify weights for each objective function
	Optional		nonlinear_-inequality_-constraints	Group to specify nonlinear inequality constraints

	Optional	nonlinear_equality_constraints	Group to specify nonlinear equality constraints
	Optional	scalar_objectives	Number of scalar objective functions
	Optional	field_objectives	Number of field objective functions

Description

The `objective_functions` keyword specifies the number of objective functions returned to Dakota. The number of objective functions must be 1 or greater.

Constraints

The keywords `nonlinear_inequality_constraints`, and `nonlinear_equality_constraints` specify the number of nonlinear inequality constraints, and nonlinear equality constraints, respectively. When interfacing to external applications, the responses must be returned to Dakota in this order: objective functions, nonlinear_inequality_constraints, then nonlinear_equality_constraints.

Any linear constraints present in an application need only be input to an optimizer at start up and do not need to be part of the data returned on every function evaluation. These are therefore specified in the method block.

Bounds on the design variables are specified in the variables block.

Optional Keywords

The optional keywords relate to scaling the objective functions (for better numerical results), formulating the problem as minimization or maximization, and dealing with multiple objective functions. If scaling is used, it is applied before multi-objective weighted sums are formed.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- calibration_terms
- response_functions
- method
- variables

sense

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- sense

Whether to minimize or maximize each objective function

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): STRINGLIST

Default: vector values = 'minimize'

Description

The `sense` keyword is used to declare whether each objective function should be minimized or maximized. The argument options are:

- `"minimization"`
- `"maximization"` These can be abbreviated to `"min"` and `"max"`.

The number of strings should either be equal to the number of objective functions, or one. If a single string is specified it will apply to each objective function.

primary_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- primary_scale_types

Choose a scaling type for each response

Specification

Alias: objective_function_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

The `primary_scale_types` keyword specifies one of number of primary functions strings indicating the scaling type for each response value in methods that support scaling, when scaling is enabled.

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword. Note that primary response functions (objective, calibration, or response functions) cannot be automaticaly scaled due to lack of bounds, so valid scale types are `'none'` `'value'` and `'log'`.

primary_scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- primary_scales

Supply a characteristic value to scale each reponse

Specification

Alias: objective_function_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `primary_scales` is a user-specified nonzero characteristic value to scale each response.

The argument may be of length 1 or the number of primary response functions. See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

weights

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- weights

Specify weights for each objective function

Specification

Alias: multi_objective_weights
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: equal weights

Description

If the number of objective functions is greater than 1, then a `weights` specification provides a simple weighted-sum approach to combining multiple objectives into a single objective:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i f_i$$

If weights are not specified, then each response is given equal weighting:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{f_i}{n}$$

where, in both of these cases, a "minimization" sense will retain a positive weighting for a minimizer and a "maximization" sense will apply a negative weighting.

nonlinear_inequality_constraints

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints

Group to specify nonlinear inequality constraints

Specification

Alias: num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		scale_types	Choose how each constraint is scaled
	Optional		scales	Characteristic values for scaling

Description

The `lower_bounds` and `upper_bounds` specifications provide the lower and upper bounds for 2-sided nonlinear inequalities of the form

$$g_l \leq g(x) \leq g_u$$

The defaults for the inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$g(x) \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user constraint bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity. This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`). The same approach is used for nonexistent linear inequality bounds and for nonexistent design variable bounds.

The `scale_types` and `scales` keywords are related to scaling of $g(x)$. See the scaling keyword in the method section for details.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

Specify maximium values

scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- scale_types

Choose how each constraint is scaled

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- scales

Characteristic values for scaling

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

nonlinear_equality_constraints

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_equality_constraints

Group to specify nonlinear equality constraints

Specification

Alias: num_nonlinear_equality_constraints
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		targets	Target values for the nonlinear equality constraint
	Optional		scale_types	Choose how each constraint is scaled

	Optional	scales	Characteristic values for scaling

Description

The `targets` specification provides the targets for nonlinear equalities of the form

$$g(x) = g_t$$

and the defaults for the equality targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint

$$g(x) = 0.0$$

The `scale_types` and `scales` keywords are related to scaling of $g(x)$. See the scaling keyword in the method section for details.

targets

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- targets

Target values for the nonlinear equality constraint

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_targets
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

The `targets` specification provides the targets for nonlinear equalities of the form

$$g(x) = g_t$$

and the defaults for the equality targets enforce a value of `0.0` for each constraint:

$$g(x) = 0.0$$

scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- scale_types

Choose how each constraint is scaled

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- scales

Characteristic values for scaling

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

scalar_objectives

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- scalar_objectives

Number of scalar objective functions

Specification

Alias: num_scalar_objectives
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword describes the number of scalar objective functions. It is meant to be used in conjunction with `field_objectives`, which describes the number of field objectives functions. The total number of objective functions, both scalar and field, is given by `objective_functions`. If only scalar objective functions are specified, it is not necessary to specify the number of scalar terms explicitly: one can simply say `objective_functions` = 5 and get 5 scalar objectives. However, if there are three scalar objectives and 2 field objectives, then `objective_functions` = 5 but `scalar_objectives` = 3 and `field_objectives` = 2.

Objective functions are responses that are used with optimization methods in Dakota. Currently, each term in a field objective is added to the total objective function presented to the optimizer. For example, if you have one field objective with 100 terms (e.g. a time-temperature trace with 100 time points and 100 corresponding temperature points), the 100 temperature values will be added to create the overall objective.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_objectives

field_objectives

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- field_objectives

Number of field objective functions

Specification

Alias: num_field_objectives

Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		lengths	Lengths of field responses
	Optional		num_coordinates_-per_field	Number of independent coordinates for field responses
	Optional		read_field_-coordinates	Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Description

This keyword describes the number of field objective functions. A field function is a set of related response values collected over a range of independent coordinate values which may or may not be specified by the user. For example, voltage over time would be a field function, where voltage is the `field_objective` and time is the independent coordinate. Similarly, temperature over time and space would be a field response, where the independent coordinates would be both time and spatial coordinates such as (x,y) or (x,y,z), depending on the application. The main difference between scalar objectives and field objectives is that for field data, we plan to implement methods that take advantage of the correlation or relationship between the field values.

Note that if there is one `field_objective`, and it has length 100 (meaning 100 values), then the user's simulation code must return 100 values. Also, if there are both scalar and field objectives, the user should specify the number of scalar objectives as `scalar_objectives`. If there are only field objectives, it still is necessary to specify both `objective_functions` = NN and `field_objectives` = NN, where NN is the number of field objectives.

Objective functions are responses that are used with optimization methods in Dakota. Currently, each term in a field objective is added to the total objective function presented to the optimizer. For example, if you have one field objective with 100 terms (e.g. a time-temperature trace with 100 time points and 100 corresponding temperature points), the 100 temperature values will be added to create the overall objective.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- scalar_objectives

lengths

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- field_objectives
- lengths

Lengths of field responses

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the lengths of each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `lengths` = 50 200, indicating that the first field response has 50 field elements but the second one has 200. The coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are read in files labeled response_descriptor.coords.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

num_coordinates_per_field

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- field_objectives
- num_coordinates_per_field

Number of independent coordinates for field responses

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the number of independent coordinates for each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `num_coordinates_per_field` = 2 1 means that the first field response has two sets of independent coordinates (perhaps x, y locations), but the second response only has one (for example, time where the field response is only dependent upon time). The actual coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are defined in a file call response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the name of the individual field.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

read_field_coordinates

- Keywords Area
- responses
- objective_functions
- field_objectives
- read_field_coordinates

Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Field coordinates specify independent variables (e.g. spatial or temporal coordinates) upon which the field depends. For example, the voltage level above might be a function of time, so time is the field coordinate. If the user has field coordinates to read, they need to specify `read_field_coordinates`. The field coordinates will then be read from a file named response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the user-provided descriptor for the field response. The number of columns in the coords file should be equal to the number of field coordinates.

6.6.4 calibration_terms

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms

Response type suitable for calibration or least squares

Specification

Alias: least_squares_terms num_least_squares_terms
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		scalar_calibration_-terms	Number of scalar calibration terms
	Optional		field_calibration_-terms	Number of field calibration terms
	Optional		primary_scale_-types	Choose a scaling type for each response
	Optional		primary_scales	Supply a characteristic value to scale each reponse
	Optional		weights	Apply different weights to each response

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	calibration_data	Supply calibration data in the case of field data or mixed data (both scalar and field data).
			calibration_data_file	Specify a text file containing calibration data for scalar responses
	Optional		nonlinear_inequality_constraints	Group to specify nonlinear inequality constraints
	Optional		nonlinear_equality_constraints	Group to specify nonlinear equality constraints

Description

Responses for a calibration study are specified using `calibration_terms` and optional keywords for weighting/scaling, data, and constraints. In general when calibrating, Dakota automatically tunes parameters θ to minimize discrepancies or residuals between the model and the data:

$$R_i = y_i^{Model}(\theta) - y_i^{Data}.$$

There are two use cases:

- If calibration_data_file is NOT specified, then each of the calibration terms returned to Dakota through the interface is a residual R_i to be driven toward zero.
- If calibration_data_file IS specified, then each of the calibration terms returned to Dakota must be a response $y_i^{Model}(\theta)$, which Dakota will difference with the data in the specified data file.

Constraints

The keywords `nonlinear_inequality_constraints`, and `nonlinear_equality_constraints` specify the number of nonlinear inequality constraints, and nonlinear equality constraints, respectively. When interfacing to external applications, the responses must be returned to Dakota in this order: calibration terms, nonlinear_inequality_constraints, then nonlinear_equality_constraints.

Any linear constraints present in an application need only be input to an optimizer at start up and do not need to be part of the data returned on every function evaluation. These are therefore specified in the method block.

Optional Keywords

The optional keywords relate to scaling responses (for better numerical results), dealing with multiple residuals, and importing data.

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for more details on scaling. If scaling is specified, then it is applied to each residual prior to squaring:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \left(\frac{y_i^{Model} - y_i^{Data}}{s_i}\right)^2$$

In the case where experimental data uncertainties are supplied, then the weights are automatically defined to be the inverse of the experimental variance:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{\sigma_i^2} \left(\frac{y_i^{Model} - y_i^{Data}}{s_i}\right)^2$$

Theory

Dakota calibration terms are typically used to solve problems of parameter estimation, system identification, and model calibration/inversion. Local least squares calibration problems are most efficiently solved using special-purpose least squares solvers such as Gauss-Newton or Levenberg-Marquardt; however, they may also be solved using any general-purpose optimization algorithm in Dakota. While Dakota can solve these problems with either least squares or optimization algorithms, the response data sets to be returned from the simulator are different when using objective_functions versus calibration_terms.

Least squares calibration involves a set of residual functions, whereas optimization involves a single objective function (sum of the squares of the residuals), i.e.,

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} R_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \left(y_i^{Model}(\theta) - y_i^{Data}\right)^2$$

where f is the objective function and the set of R_i are the residual functions, most commonly defined as the difference between a model response and data. Therefore, function values and derivative data in the least squares case involve the values and derivatives of the residual functions, whereas the optimization case involves values and derivatives of the sum of squares objective function. This means that in the least squares calibration case, the user must return each of `n` residuals separately as a separate calibration term. Switching between the two approaches sometimes requires different simulation interfaces capable of returning the different granularity of response data required, although Dakota supports automatic recasting of residuals into a sum of squares for presentation to an optimization method. Typically, the user must compute the difference between the model results and the observations when computing the residuals. However, the user has the option of specifying the observational data (e.g. from physical experiments or other sources) in a file.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- objective_functions
- response_functions

scalar_calibration_terms

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- scalar_calibration_terms

Number of scalar calibration terms

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword describes the number of scalar calibration terms. It is meant to be used in conjunction with `field_calibration_terms`, which describes the number of field calibration terms. The total number of calibration terms, both scalar and field, is given by `calibration_terms`. If only scalar calibration terms are specified, it is not necessary to specify the number of scalar terms explicitly: one can simply say `calibration_terms` = 5 and get 5 scalar terms. However, if there are three scalar terms and 2 field terms, then `calibration_terms` = 5 but `scalar_calibration_terms` = 3 and `field_calibration_terms` = 2.

Calibration terms are responses that are used with calibration methods in Dakota, such as least squares optimizers. Currently, each scalar term is added to the total sum-of-squares error function presented to the optimizer. However, each individual field value is added as well. For example, if you have one field calibration term with length 100 (e.g. a time - temperature trace with 100 time points and 100 temperature points), the 100 temperature values will be added to create the overall sum-of-squares error function used in calibration.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_calibration_terms

field_calibration_terms

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- field_calibration_terms

Number of field calibration terms

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		lengths	Lengths of field responses
	Optional		num_coordinates_per_field	Number of independent coordinates for field responses

	Optional	read_field_-coordinates	Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Description

This keyword describes the number of field calibration terms. A set of field calibration terms is a set of related response values collected over a range of independent coordinate values which may or may not be specified by the user. For example, voltage over time would be a field function, where voltage is the `field_objective` and time is the independent coordinate. Similarly, temperature over time and space would be a field response, where the independent coordinates would be both time and spatial coordinates such as (x,y) or (x,y,z), depending on the application. The main difference between scalar calibration terms and field calibration terms is that for field data, we plan to implement methods that take advantage of the correlation or relationship between the field values. For example, with calibration, if we want to calibrate parameters that result in a good model fit to a time-temperature curve, we may have to do some interpolation between the experimental data and the simulation data. That capability requires knowledge of the independent coordinates.

Note that if there is one `field_calibration_terms`, and it has length 100 (meaning 100 values), then the user's simulation code must return 100 values. Also, if there are both scalar and field calibration, the user should specify the number of scalar terms as `scalar_calibration_terms`. If there are only field calibration terms, it still is necessary to specify both `field_calibration_terms` = NN and `calibration_terms` = NN, where NN is the number of field calibration terms.

Calibration terms are responses that are used with calibration methods in Dakota, such as least squares optimizers. Currently, each scalar term is added to the total sum-of-squares error function presented to the optimizer. However, each individual field value is added as well. For example, if you have one field calibration term with length 100 (e.g. a time-temperature trace with 100 time points and 100 temperature points), the 100 temperature values will be added to create the overall sum-of-squares error function used in calibration. We have an initial capability to interpolate the field data from the user's simulation to the experimental data. For example, if the user has thermocouple readings at 20 time points, it will be an experimental field response with 20 time points and 20 temperature values. Dakota takes the 100 simulation time-temperature values (from the example above) and interpolates those to the 20 experimental points, to create 20 residual terms (simulation minus experimental data points) that will be used in calibration.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- scalar_calibration_terms

lengths

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- field_calibration_terms
- lengths

Lengths of field responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the lengths of each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `lengths` = 50 200, indicating that the first field response has 50 field elements but the second one has 200. The coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are read in files labeled response_descriptor.coords.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

num_coordinates_per_field

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- field_calibration_terms
- num_coordinates_per_field

Number of independent coordinates for field responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the number of independent coordinates for each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `num_coordinates_per_field` = 2 1 means that the first field response has two sets of independent coordinates (perhaps x, y locations), but the second response only has one (for example, time where the field response is only dependent upon time). The actual coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are defined in a file call response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the name of the individual field.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

read_field_coordinates

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- field_calibration_terms
- read_field_coordinates

Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Field coordinates specify independent variables (e.g. spatial or temporal coordinates) upon which the field depends. For example, the voltage level above might be a function of time, so time is the field coordinate. If the user has field coordinates to read, they need to specify `read_field_coordinates`. The field coordinates will then be read from a file named response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the user-provided descriptor for the field response. The number of columns in the coords file should be equal to the number of field coordinates.

primary_scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- primary_scale_types

Choose a scaling type for each response

Specification

Alias: calibration_term_scale_types least_squares_term_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

The `primary_scale_types` keyword specifies one of number of primary functions strings indicating the scaling type for each response value in methods that support scaling, when scaling is enabled.

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword. Note that primary response functions (objective, calibration, or response functions) cannot be automaticaly scaled due to lack of bounds, so valid scale types are `'none'` `'value'` and `'log'`.

primary_scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- primary_scales

Supply a characteristic value to scale each reponse

Specification

Alias: calibration_term_scales least_squares_term_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

Each entry in `primary_scales` is a user-specified nonzero characteristic value to scale each response.

The argument may be of length 1 or the number of primary response functions. See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

weights

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- weights

Apply different weights to each response

Specification

Alias: calibration_weights least_squares_weights
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: equal weights

Description

The `weights` specification provides a means to specify a relative emphasis among the vector of squared residuals through multiplication of these squared residuals by a vector of weights:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i R_i^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i (y_i^M - y_i^O)^2$$

calibration_data

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data

Supply calibration data in the case of field data or mixed data (both scalar and field data).

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		num_experiments	Add context to data: number of different experiments
	Optional		num_config_variables	Add context to data: number of configuration variables.
	Optional		variance_type	Add context to experiment data description by specifying the type of experimental error.
	Optional		scalar_data_file	Specify a scalar data file to complement field data files (mixed case)
	Optional		interpolate	Flag to indicate interpolation of simulation values.

Description

`calibration_data` specifies a keyword block that indicates that Dakota should read in various types of experimental data. This block is primarily to support the reading of field calibration data.

The user will specify the number of experiments, `num_experiments`. If this is not specified, it is assumed there is only one experiment.

For each experiment, there are four main types of data related to fields:

- values.

  These are the values of the experiment field (e.g. temperature values, voltage levels, etc.) These MUST be specified in a file named response_descriptor.NUM.dat, where NUM is replaced by the number of the experiment (1, 2, ...) and response_descriptor is replaced by the actual `response_descriptor` the user has specified. For example, if `response_descriptor` = voltage, then the voltage field values for experiment 1 should be in a file labeled voltage.1.dat. The field values should be in a column (e.g. one field value per row).

- field coordinates.

  Field coordinates specify independent variables (e.g. spatial or temporal coordinates) upon which the field depends. For example, the voltage level above might be a function of time, so time is the field coordinate. For the calibration data, the field coordinates are read from a file named response_descriptor.NUM.coords, similar to the pattern for field values. The number of columns in the coords file should be equal to the number of field coordinates.

- variance terms.

  The user needs to specify `variance_type`, which defines the type of experimental measurement error. This is a string list, with one variance type specified for each scalar and each field. The available types are 'none' (no variance is specified), 'scalar' (one scalar value is specified which is applicable to all of the measurements in the field), 'diagonal' (a column vector is provided which contains the number of elements of the experimental data field. Each element of the vector contains the experimental measurement variance corresponding to that particular field measurement. For example, for the fifth term in the field, the fifth term in the diagonal vector would have the variance of that measurement), and 'matrix'. In the matrix case, a full covariance matrix is provided, which contains the pairwise correlations between each element in the field. For each field, if the `variance_type` is not 'none', a data file must be provided with the name response_descriptor.NUM.sigma, which contains the appropriate variance data for that field.

- configuration variables.

  Configuration variables specify the conditions corresponding to different experiments. This is used when there is more than one experiment. If `num_config_variables` is positive, the configuration variables for each experiment should be placed in a file named experiment.NUM.config, where the number of items in that config file are the `num_config_variables`. Currently, configuration variables are not being used. However, the intent is that they will be used as state variables for the simulation (for example) and not as variables that would be calibrated.

The above description is relevant for field data (with files for field values, field coordinates, field variances). If the user also has scalar experimental data, it may be entered in the same way (e.g. one file for a scalar experimental value named scalar_response_descriptor.NUM.dat, etc.) However, the user can choose to enter the scalar data in the format that we offer for pure scalar data, where we have just one file, with the number of rows of that file equal to the number of experiments. In that case, the scalar data is in the file given by the name `scalar_data_file`, and the format of that file is the same as discussed in calibration_data_file.

One important feature of field data is the capability to interpolate between points in the field. For example, we may have simulation data at a set of responses y at time points t: (t_{s1}, y_{s1}), (t_{s2}, y_{s2}), etc. In this example, t is the independent coordinate for the simulation, and the simulation time and response points are denoted with subscripts $s1, s2, s3,$. If the user has experimental data that is taken at different time points: (t_{e1}, y_{e1}), (t_{e2}, y_{e2}), ..., it is necessary to interpolate the simulation data to provide estimates of the simulation response at the experimental time points to construct the residual terms (model - experiment) at the experimental time points. Dakota can perform this interpolation now. The user must specify the keyword `interpolate`, and also provide the field coordinates as well as field values for the experiment data. If the `interpolate` keyword is not specified, Dakota will assume that the simulation field data and the experiment field data is taken at the same set of independent

coordinate values and simply construct the difference between these field terms to create the set of residuals for the sum-of-squares calculation. When `interpolate` is specified, the simulation coordinates are assumed fixed and the same for each simulation. These simulation coordinates are provided in response_descriptor.coords. However, the experiment coordinates for each experiment can be different, and are provided in the files numbered by experiment with the file names given by response_descriptor.NUM.coords, as indicated above.

num_experiments

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- num_experiments

Add context to data: number of different experiments

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The number of different experiments. Dakota will expand the total number of residual terms based on the number of calibration terms and the number of experiments. For example, if the number of calibration terms are five scalars, and there are three experiments, the total number of residuals in the least squares formulation will be 15. See calibration_data or calibration_data_file.

num_config_variables

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- num_config_variables

Add context to data: number of configuration variables.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

Description

This is an optional description. If there are multiple experiments, there can be different configuration variables (e.g. experimental settings, boundary conditions, etc.) per experiment. See calibration_data or calibration_data_file. Note: as of Dakota 6.2, configuration variables are not used. However, the intent is to treat them as state variables which will be passed to the simulation, and not treated as parameters which are calibrated.

variance_type

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- variance_type

Add context to experiment data description by specifying the type of experimental error.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: none

Description

There are four options for specifying the experimental error (e.g. the measurement error in the data you provide for calibration purposes): 'none', 'scalar', 'diagonal', or 'matrix.'

If the user specifies none, Dakota will calculate a variance (sigma-squared) term. This will be a constant variance term across all of the data). If the user specifies scalar, they can provide a scalar variance per calibration term. Note that for scalar calibration terms, only 'none' or 'scalar' are options for the measurement variance. However, for field calibration terms, there are two additional options. 'diagonal' allows the user to provide a vector of measurement variances (one for each term in the calibration field). This vector corresponds to the diagonal of the full covariance matrix of measurement errors. If the user specifies 'matrix', they can provide a full covariance matrix (not just the diagonal terms), where each element(i,j) of the covariance matrix represents the covariance of the measurement error between the i-th and j-th field values.

scalar_data_file

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file

Specify a scalar data file to complement field data files (mixed case)

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRING

	Required/-Optional **Optional***(Choose One)*	Description of Group **tabular format (Group 1)**	Dakota Keyword annotated	Dakota Keyword Description Selects annotated tabular file format for experiment data
			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format for experiment data
			freeform	Selects free-form tabular file format for experiment data

Description

When calibrating both scalar and field calibration terms, to associated experimental data, the scalar data may be provided in the file named by `scalar_data_file`. This file follows the same format as: calibration_data_file.

Default Behavior

If `scalar_data_file` is omitted, all calibration data, including for scalar responses, will be read from the generic field `calibration_data` format.

annotated

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. For experiment data files, each subsequent row contains an experiment ID, followed by data for configuration variables, observations, and/or observation errors, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import an annotated experimental data file containing a header row, leading exp_id column, and experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    annotated
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
%exp_id     velocity    stress
1       18.23       83.21
2       34.14       93.24
3       22.41       88.92
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file
	Optional		exp_id	Enable experiment ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file containing experiment data, including configuration variables, observatiions, and/or observation errors, depending on context. For experiment import, custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row and `exp_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. The `custom_annotated` keyword, followed by options can be used to select other formats.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import an experimental data file containing a header row, no leading exp_id column, and experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    custom_annotated header
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
%   velocity    stress
    18.23       83.21
    34.14       93.24
    22.41       88.92
```

header

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms

- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

exp_id

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file
- custom_annotated
- exp_id

Enable experiment ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no exp_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- scalar_data_file
- freeform

Selects free-form tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. For experiment data files, each row contains data for configuration variables, observatiions, and/or observation errors, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. Specify `freeform` to instead select this format.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import a free-form experimental data file containing raw experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    freeform
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
  18.23       83.21
  34.14       93.24
  22.41       88.92
```

interpolate

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data
- interpolate

Flag to indicate interpolation of simulation values.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

If `interpolate` is specified, Dakota will interpolate between the simulation data and the experiment data to calculate the residuals for calibration methods. Specifically, the simulation data is interpolated onto the experimental data points. So, if the simulation data is a field of length 100 with one independent coordinate, and the experiment data is of length 5 with one independent coordinate, the interpolation is done between the 100 (t,f) simulation points (where t is the independent coordinate and f is the simulation field value) onto the five (t_e, f_e) points to obtain the residual differences between the simulation and experiment. See calibration_data.

calibration_data_file

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file

Specify a text file containing calibration data for scalar responses

Specification

Alias: least_squares_data_file
Argument(s): STRING
Default: none

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**tabular format (Group 1)**	annotated	Selects annotated tabular file format for experiment data

			custom_annotated	Selects custom-annotated tabular file format for experiment data
			freeform	Selects free-form tabular file format for experiment data
	Optional		num_experiments	Add context to data: number of different experiments
	Optional		num_config_variables	Add context to data: number of configuration variables.
	Optional		variance_type	Add context to experiment data description by specifying the type of experimental error.

Description

Enables text file import of experimental observations for use in calibration, for scalar responses only. Dakota will calibrate model variables to best match tese data. Key options include:

- format: whether the data file is in `annotated`, `custom_annotated`, or `freeform` format
- content: where `num_experiments`, `num_config_variables`, and `variance_type` indicate which columns appear in the data.

While some components may be omitted, the most complete version of a an annotated calibration data file could include columns corresponding to:

```
exp_id | configuration xvars | y data observations | y data variances
```

Each row in the file corresponds to an experiment or replicate observation of an experiment to be compared to the model output.

Usage Tips

- The `calibration_data_file` used when ONLY scalar calibration terms are present. If there are field calibration terms, instead use `calibration_data`. For mixed scalar and field calibration terms, on may use the `calibration_data` specification, together with its sub-specification `scalar_data_file`, which uses the format described here.

Simple Case

In the simplest case, no data content descriptors are specified, so the data file must contain only the y^{Data} observations which represent a single experimental observation. In this case, the data file should have N_{terms} columns and 1 row, where N_{terms} is the value of calibration_terms.

For each function evaluation, Dakota will run the analysis driver, which must return N_{terms} model responses. Then the residuals are computed as:

$$R_i = y_i^{Model} - y_i^{Data}.$$

These residuals can be weighted using weights.

With experimental variances

If information is known about the measurement error and the uncertainty in the measurement, that can be specified by sending the measurement error variance to Dakota. In this case, the keyword `variance_type` is added, followed by a string of variance types of length one or of length N_{terms} , where N_{terms} is the value of calibration_terms. The `variance_type` for each response can be 'none' or 'scalar'. NOTE: you must specify the same `variance_type` for all scalar terms. That is, they will all be 'none' or all be 'scalar.'

For each response that has a 'scalar' variance type, each row of the datafile will now have N_{terms} of y data values followed by N_{terms} columns that specify the measurement error (in units of variance, not standard deviation of the measurement error) for y variances.

Dakota will run the analysis driver, which must return N_{terms} responses. Then the residuals are computed as:

$$R_i = \frac{y_i^{Model} - y_i^{Data}}{\sqrt{var_i}}$$

for $i = 1 \ldots N_{terms}$.

Fully general case

In the most general case, the content of the data file is described by the arguments of three parameters. The parameters are optional, and defaults are described below.

- `num_experiments` (N_{exp})

  Default: $N_{exp} = 1$

  This indicates that the data represents multiple experiments, where each experiment might be conducted with different values of configuration variables. An experiment can also be thought of as a replicate, where the experiments are run at the same values of the configuration variables.

- `num_config_variables` (N_{cfg})

  This is not yet supported, but will specify the values of experimental conditions at which data were collected.

- `variance_type` ('none' or 'scalar')

  This indicates if the data file contains variances for measurement error of the experimental data. The default is 'none'.

If the user does not specify `variance_type`, or if the `variance_type` = 'none', only the actual observations are specified in the `calibration_data_file`. If the user specifies `variance_type` = 'scalar', then the `calibration_data_file` must contain two times `calibration_terms`. The first `calibration_terms` columns are the experimental data, and the second `calibration_terms` columns are the experimental measurement error variance. For example, if the user has three `calibration` terms, and specifies `variance_type` = 'scalar', then the calibration data must contain six columns. The first three columns will contain the data, and the second three columns will contain the experimental error (in units of variance) for the data in the first three columns. These variances are used to weight the residuals in the sum-of-squares objective.

A more advanced use of the `calibration_data_file` might specify `num_experiments` N_E indicating that there are multiple experiments. When multiple experiments are present, Dakota will expand the number of residuals for the repeat measurement data and difference with the data accordingly. For example, if the user has five experiments in the example above with three calibration terms, the `calibration_data_file` would need to contain five rows (one for each experiment), and each row should contain three experimental data values that

will be differenced with respect to the appropriate model response. In this example, $N_E = 5$. To summarize, Dakota will calculate the sum of the squared residuals as:

$$f = \sum_{i=1}^{N_E} R_i^2$$

where the residuals now are calculated as:

$$R_i = y_i^{Model}(\theta) - y_i^{Data}.$$

annotated

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- annotated

Selects annotated tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

An annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file with one leading header row of comments/column labels. For experiment data files, each subsequent row contains an experiment ID, followed by data for configuration variables, observations, and/or observation errors, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. The `annotated` keyword can be used to explicitly specify this.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import an annotated experimental data file containing a header row, leading exp_id column, and experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    annotated
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
%exp_id     velocity    stress
1       18.23       83.21
2       34.14       93.24
3       22.41       88.92
```

custom_annotated

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- custom_annotated

Selects custom-annotated tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: annotated format

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		header	Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

	Optional	exp_id	Enable experiment ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Description

A custom-annotated tabular file is a whitespace-separated text file containing experiment data, including configuration variables, observatiions, and/or observation errors, depending on context. For experiment import, custom-annotated allows user options for whether `header` row and `exp_id` column appear in the tabular file, thus bridging `freeform` and (fully) `annotated`.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. The `custom_annotated` keyword, followed by options can be used to select other formats.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import an experimental data file containing a header row, no leading exp_id column, and experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    custom_annotated header
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
%   velocity    stress
    18.23       83.21
    34.14       93.24
    22.41       88.92
```

header

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- custom_annotated
- header

Enable header row in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no header

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

exp_id

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- custom_annotated
- exp_id

Enable experiment ID column in custom-annotated tabular file

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: no exp_id column

Description

See description of parent `custom_annotated`

freeform

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- freeform

Selects free-form tabular file format for experiment data

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- file_formats

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: annotated format

Description

A freeform tabular file is whitespace-separated text file with no leading header row and no leading columns. For experiment data files, each row contains data for configuration variables, observatiions, and/or observation errors, depending on context.

Default Behavior

By default, Dakota imports tabular experiment data files in annotated format. Specify `freeform` to instead select this format.

Usage Tips

- Prior to October 2011, calibration and surrogate data files were in free-form format. They now default to `annotated` format, though `freeform` remains an option.
- When importing tabular data, a warning will be generated if a specific number of data are expected, but extra is found and an error generated when there is insufficient data.

Examples

Import a free-form experimental data file containing raw experiment data in a calibration study

```
responses
  ...
  scalar_data_file 'shock_experiment.dat'
    freeform
```

Example data file with two measured quantities, three experiments:

```
  18.23       83.21
  34.14       93.24
  22.41       88.92
```

num_experiments

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- num_experiments

Add context to data: number of different experiments

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 1

Description

The number of different experiments. Dakota will expand the total number of residual terms based on the number of calibration terms and the number of experiments. For example, if the number of calibration terms are five scalars, and there are three experiments, the total number of residuals in the least squares formulation will be 15. See calibration_data or calibration_data_file.

num_config_variables

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- num_config_variables

Add context to data: number of configuration variables.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

Description

This is an optional description. If there are multiple experiments, there can be different configuration variables (e.g. experimental settings, boundary conditions, etc.) per experiment. See calibration_data or calibration_data_file. Note: as of Dakota 6.2, configuration variables are not used. However, the intent is to treat them as state variables which will be passed to the simulation, and not treated as parameters which are calibrated.

variance_type

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- calibration_data_file
- variance_type

Add context to experiment data description by specifying the type of experimental error.

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: none

Description

There are four options for specifying the experimental error (e.g. the measurement error in the data you provide for calibration purposes): 'none', 'scalar', 'diagonal', or 'matrix.'

If the user specifies none, Dakota will calculate a variance (sigma-squared) term. This will be a constant variance term across all of the data). If the user specifies scalar, they can provide a scalar variance per calibration term. Note that for scalar calibration terms, only 'none' or 'scalar' are options for the measurement variance. However, for field calibration terms, there are two additional options. 'diagonal' allows the user to provide a vector of measurement variances (one for each term in the calibration field). This vector corresponds to the diagonal of the full covariance matrix of measurement errors. If the user specifies 'matrix', they can provide a full covariance matrix (not just the diagonal terms), where each element(i,j) of the covariance matrix represents the covariance of the measurement error between the i-th and j-th field values.

nonlinear_inequality_constraints

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints

Group to specify nonlinear inequality constraints

Specification

Alias: num_nonlinear_inequality_constraints
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		lower_bounds	Specify minimum values
	Optional		upper_bounds	Specify maximium values
	Optional		scale_types	Choose how each constraint is scaled
	Optional		scales	Characteristic values for scaling

Description

The `lower_bounds` and `upper_bounds` specifications provide the lower and upper bounds for 2-sided nonlinear inequalities of the form

$$g_l \leq g(x) \leq g_u$$

The defaults for the inequality constraint bounds are selected so that one-sided inequalities of the form

$$g(x) \leq 0.0$$

result when there are no user constraint bounds specifications (this provides backwards compatibility with previous Dakota versions).

In a user bounds specification, any upper bound values greater than `+bigRealBoundSize` (1.e+30, as defined in Minimizer) are treated as +infinity and any lower bound values less than `-bigRealBoundSize` are treated as -infinity. This feature is commonly used to drop one of the bounds in order to specify a 1-sided constraint (just as the default lower bounds drop out since `-DBL_MAX` < `-bigRealBoundSize`). The same approach is used for nonexistent linear inequality bounds and for nonexistent design variable bounds.

The `scale_types` and `scales` keywords are related to scaling of $g(x)$. See the scaling keyword in the method section for details.

lower_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- lower_bounds

Specify minimum values

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_lower_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = -infinity

Description

Specify minimum values

upper_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- upper_bounds

Specify maximium values

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_upper_bounds
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

Specify maximium values

scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- scale_types

Choose how each constraint is scaled

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_inequality_constraints
- scales

Characteristic values for scaling

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_inequality_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

nonlinear_equality_constraints

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_equality_constraints

Group to specify nonlinear equality constraints

Specification

Alias: num_nonlinear_equality_constraints
Argument(s): INTEGER
Default: 0

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		targets	Target values for the nonlinear equality constraint
	Optional		scale_types	Choose how each constraint is scaled
	Optional		scales	Characteristic values for scaling

Description

The `targets` specification provides the targets for nonlinear equalities of the form

$$g(x) = g_t$$

and the defaults for the equality targets enforce a value of `0.` for each constraint

$$g(x) = 0.0$$

The `scale_types` and `scales` keywords are related to scaling of $g(x)$. See the scaling keyword in the method section for details.

targets

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- targets

Target values for the nonlinear equality constraint

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_targets
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: vector values = 0 .

Description

The `targets` specification provides the targets for nonlinear equalities of the form

$$g(x) = g_t$$

and the defaults for the equality targets enforce a value of `0.0` for each constraint:

$$g(x) = 0.0$$

scale_types

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- scale_types

Choose how each constraint is scaled

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_scale_types
Argument(s): STRINGLIST
Default: no scaling

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

scales

- Keywords Area
- responses
- calibration_terms
- nonlinear_equality_constraints
- scales

Characteristic values for scaling

Specification

Alias: nonlinear_equality_scales
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 1.0 (no scaling)

Description

See the `scaling` keyword in the method section for details on how to use this keyword.

6.6.5 response_functions

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions

Generic response type

Specification

Alias: num_response_functions
Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		scalar_responses	Number of scalar response functions
	Optional		field_responses	Number of field responses functions

Description

A generic response data set is specified using `response_functions`. Each of these functions is simply a response quantity of interest with no special interpretation taken by the method in use.

Whereas objective, constraint, and residual functions have special meanings for optimization and least squares algorithms, the generic response function data set need not have a specific interpretation and the user is free to define whatever functional form is convenient.

Theory

This type of data set is used by uncertainty quantification methods, in which the effect of parameter uncertainty on response functions is quantified, and can also be used in parameter study and design of experiments methods (although these methods are not restricted to this data set), in which the effect of parameter variations on response functions is evaluated.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- objective_functions
- calibration_terms

scalar_responses

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions
- scalar_responses

Number of scalar response functions

Specification

Alias: num_scalar_responses
Argument(s): INTEGER

Description

This keyword describes the number of scalar response functions. It is meant to be used in conjunction with `field_responses`, which describes the number of field response functions. The total number of response functions, both scalar and field, is given by `response_functions`. If only scalar responses functions are specified, it is not necessary to specify the number of scalar terms explicitly: one can simply say `response_functions` = 5 and get 5 scalar responses. However, if there are three scalar responses and 2 field responses, then `response_functions` = 5 but `scalar_responses` = 3 and `field_responses` = 2.

This type of data set is used by uncertainty quantification methods, in which the effect of parameter uncertainty on response functions is quantified, and can also be used in parameter study and design of experiments methods (although these methods are not restricted to this data set), in which the effect of parameter variations on response functions is evaluated.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

field_responses

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions
- field_responses

Number of field responses functions

Specification

Alias: num_field_responses

Argument(s): INTEGER

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		lengths	Lengths of field responses
	Optional		num_coordinates_-per_field	Number of independent coordinates for field responses
	Optional		read_field_-coordinates	Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Description

This keyword describes the number of field response functions. A field function is a set of related response values collected over a range of independent coordinate values which may or may not be specified by the user. For example, voltage over time would be a field function, where voltage is the `field_objective` and time is the independent coordinate. Similarly, temperature over time and space would be a field response, where the independent coordinates would be both time and spatial coordinates such as (x,y) or (x,y,z), depending on the application. The main difference between scalar responses and field responses is that for field data, we plan to implement methods that take advantage of the correlation or relationship between the field values.

Note that if there is one `field_response`, and it has length 100 (meaning 100 values), then the user's simulation code must return 100 values. Also, if there are both scalar and field responses, the user should specify the number of scalar responses as `scalar_responses`. If there are only field responses, it still is necessary to specify both `response_functions` = NN and `field_responses` = NN, where NN is the number of field responses.

This type of data set is used by uncertainty quantification methods, in which the effect of parameter uncertainty on response functions is quantified, and can also be used in parameter study and design of experiments methods (although these methods are not restricted to this data set), in which the effect of parameter variations on response functions is evaluated. Currently, field response functions will be translated back to scalar responses. So, a field of length 100 will be treated as 100 separate scalar responses. However, in future versions of Dakota, we plan to implement methods which can exploit the nature of field data.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- scalar_responses

lengths

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions

- field_responses
- lengths

Lengths of field responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the lengths of each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `lengths` = 50 200, indicating that the first field response has 50 field elements but the second one has 200. The coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are read in files labeled response_descriptor.coords.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

num_coordinates_per_field

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions
- field_responses
- num_coordinates_per_field

Number of independent coordinates for field responses

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

This keyword describes the number of independent coordinates for each field response. It is an integer vector of length `field_responses`. For example, if the `field_responses` = 2, an example would be `num_coordinates_per_field` = 2 1 means that the first field response has two sets of independent coordinates (perhaps x, y locations), but the second response only has one (for example, time where the field response is only dependent upon time). The actual coordinate values (e.g. the independent variables) corresponding to these field responses are defined in a file call response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the name of the individual field.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- field_responses

read_field_coordinates

- Keywords Area
- responses
- response_functions
- field_responses
- read_field_coordinates

Add context to data: flag to indicate that field coordinates should be read

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Field coordinates specify independent variables (e.g. spatial or temporal coordinates) upon which the field depends. For example, the voltage level above might be a function of time, so time is the field coordinate. If the user has field coordinates to read, they need to specify `read_field_coordinates`. The field coordinates will then be read from a file named response_descriptor.coords, where response_descriptor is the user-provided descriptor for the field response. The number of columns in the coords file should be equal to the number of field coordinates.

6.6.6 no_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- no_gradients

Gradients will not be used

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `no_gradients` specification means that gradient information is not needed in the study. Therefore, it will neither be retrieved from the simulation nor computed with finite differences. The `no_gradients` keyword is a complete specification for this case.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- numerical_gradients
- analytic_gradients
- mixed_gradients

6.6.7 analytic_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- analytic_gradients

Analysis driver will return gradients

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `analytic_gradients` specification means that gradient information is available directly from the simulation (finite differencing is not required). The simulation must return the gradient data in the Dakota format (enclosed in single brackets; see Dakota File Data Formats in the Users Manual[4]) for the case of file transfer of data. The `analytic_gradients` keyword is a complete specification for this case.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- numerical_gradients
- no_gradients
- mixed_gradients

6.6.8 mixed_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients

Gradients are needed and will be obtained from a mix of numerical and analytic sources

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required		id_numerical_-gradients	Identify which numerical gradient corresponds to which response
	Required		id_analytic_-gradients	Identify which analytical gradient corresponds to which response
	Optional		method_source	Specify which finite difference routine is used
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	dakota	(Default) Use internal Dakota finite differences algorithm
			vendor	Use non-Dakota fd algorithm
	Optional		interval_type	Specify how to compute gradients and hessians
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	forward	Use forward differences
			central	Use central differences
	Optional		fd_step_size	Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Description

The `mixed_gradients` specification means that some gradient information is available directly from the simulation (analytic) whereas the rest will have to be finite differenced (numerical). This specification allows the user to make use of as much analytic gradient information as is available and then finite difference for the rest.

The `method_source`, `interval_type`, and `fd_gradient_step_size` specifications pertain to those functions listed by the `id_numerical_gradients` list.

Examples

For example, the objective function may be a simple analytic function of the design variables (e.g., weight) whereas the constraints are nonlinear implicit functions of complex analyses (e.g., maximum stress).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- numerical_gradients
- no_gradients

- analytic_gradients

id_numerical_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- id_numerical_gradients

Identify which numerical gradient corresponds to which response

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- objective_function_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `id_analytic_gradients` list specifies by number the functions which have analytic gradients, and the `id_numerical_gradients` list specifies by number the functions which must use numerical gradients. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the `id_analytic_gradients` and `id_numerical_gradients` lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_analytic_gradients

id_analytic_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- id_analytic_gradients

Identify which analytical gradient corresponds to which response

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- objective_function_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The id_analytic_gradients list specifies by number the functions which have analytic gradients, and the id_numerical_gradients list specifies by number the functions which must use numerical gradients. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the id_analytic_gradients and id_numerical_gradients lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_numerical_gradients

method_source

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- method_source

Specify which finite difference routine is used

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dakota

Description

The method_source setting specifies the source of the finite differencing routine that will be used to compute the numerical gradients:

- dakota (default)
- vendor

dakota denotes Dakota's internal finite differencing algorithm and vendor denotes the finite differencing algorithm supplied by the iterator package in use (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NL2SOL, NLSSOL, and OPT++ each have their own internal finite differencing routines). The dakota routine is the default since it can execute in parallel and exploit the concurrency in finite difference evaluations (see Exploiting Parallelism in the Users Manual [4]).

However, the vendor setting can be desirable in some cases since certain libraries will modify their algorithm when the finite differencing is performed internally. Since the selection of the dakota routine hides the use of finite differencing from the optimizers (the optimizers are configured to accept user-supplied gradients, which

some algorithms assume to be of analytic accuracy), the potential exists for the vendor setting to trigger the use of an algorithm more optimized for the higher expense and/or lower accuracy of finite-differencing. For example, NPSOL uses gradients in its line search when in user-supplied gradient mode (since it assumes they are inexpensive), but uses a value-based line search procedure when internally finite differencing. The use of a value-based line search will often reduce total expense in serial operations. However, in parallel operations, the use of gradients in the NPSOL line search (user-supplied gradient mode) provides excellent load balancing without need to resort to speculative optimization approaches.

In summary, then, the dakota routine is preferred for parallel optimization, and the vendor routine may be preferred for serial optimization in special cases.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- dakota

(Default) Use internal Dakota finite differences algorithm

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: relative

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		ignore_bounds	Do not respect bounds when computing gradients or Hessians
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	relative	Scale step size by the parameter value
			absolute	Do not scale step-size
			bounds	Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Description

The dakota routine is the default since it can execute in parallel and exploit the concurrency in finite difference evaluations (see Exploiting Parallelism in the Users Manual [4]).

When the method_source is dakota, the user may also specify the type of scaling desired when determining the finite difference step size. The choices are absolute, bounds, and relative. For absolute, the step size will be applied as is. For bounds, it will be scaled by the range of each parameter. For relative, it will be scaled by the parameter value.

ignore_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- dakota
- ignore_bounds

Do not respect bounds when computing gradients or Hessians

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: bounds respected

Description

When Dakota computes gradients or Hessians by finite differences and the variables in question have bounds, it by default chooses finite-differencing steps that keep the variables within their specified bounds. Older versions of Dakota generally ignored bounds when computing finite differences. To restore the older behavior, one can add keyword `ignore_bounds` to the `response` specification when `method_source dakota` (or just `dakota`) is also specified.

In forward difference or backward difference computations, honoring bounds is straightforward.

To honor bounds when approximating $\partial f/\partial x_i$, i.e., component i of the gradient of f, by central differences, Dakota chooses two steps h_1 and h_2 with $h_1 \neq h_2$, such that $x + h_1 e_i$ and $x + h_2 e_i$ both satisfy the bounds, and then computes

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \cong \frac{h_2^2(f_1 - f_0) - h_1^2(f_2 - f_0)}{h_1 h_2 (h_2 - h_1)},$$

with $f_0 = f(x)$, $f_1 = f(x + h_1 e_i)$, and $f_2 = f(x + h_2 e_i)$.

relative

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- dakota
- relative

Scale step size by the parameter value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step size by the parameter value

absolute

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- dakota
- absolute

Do not scale step-size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: relative

Description

Do not scale step-size

bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- dakota
- bounds

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

vendor

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- vendor

Use non-Dakota fd algorithm

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

interval_type

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- interval_type

Specify how to compute gradients and hessians

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

The `interval_type` setting is used to select between `forward` and `central` differences in the numerical gradient calculations. The `dakota`, DOT `vendor`, and OPT++ `vendor` routines have both forward and central differences available, the CONMIN and NL2SOL `vendor` routines support forward differences only, and the NPSOL and NLSSOL `vendor` routines start with forward differences and automatically switch to central differences as the iteration progresses (the user has no control over this). The following forward difference expression

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

and the following central difference expression

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) - f(\mathbf{x} - h\mathbf{e}_i)}{2h}$$

are used to estimate the i^{th} component of the gradient vector.

forward

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- forward

Use forward differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

central

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- central

Use central differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

fd_step_size

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_gradients
- fd_step_size

Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Specification

Alias: fd_gradient_step_size
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0.001

Description

`fd_gradient_step_size` specifies the relative finite difference step size to be used in the computations. Either a single value may be entered for use with all parameters, or a list of step sizes may be entered, one for each parameter.

The latter option of a list of step sizes is only valid for use with the Dakota finite differencing routine. For Dakota with an interval scaling type of `absolute`, the differencing interval will be `fd_gradient_step_size`.

For Dakota with and interval scaling type of `bounds`, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying `fd_gradient_step_size` with the range of the parameter. For Dakota (with an interval scaling type of `relative`), DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying the `fd_gradient_step_size` with the current parameter value. In this case, a minimum absolute differencing interval is needed when the current parameter value is close to zero. This prevents finite difference intervals for the parameter which are too small to distinguish differences in the response quantities being computed. Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ all use `.01*fd_gradient_step_size` as their minimum absolute differencing interval. With a `fd_gradient_step_size = .001`, for example, Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ will use intervals of .001∗current value with a minimum interval of 1.e-5. NPSOL and NLSSOL use a different formula for their finite difference intervals: `fd_gradient_step_size*(1+|current parameter value|)`. This definition has the advantage of eliminating the need for a minimum absolute differencing interval since the interval no longer goes to zero as the current parameter value goes to zero.

6.6.9 numerical_gradients

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients

Gradients are needed and will be approximated by finite differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		method_source	Specify which finite difference routine is used

	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	dakota	(Default) Use internal Dakota finite differences algorithm
			vendor	Use non-Dakota fd algorithm
	Optional		interval_type	Specify how to compute gradients and hessians
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 2**	forward	Use forward differences
			central	Use central differences
	Optional		fd_step_size	Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Description

The `numerical_gradients` specification means that gradient information is needed and will be computed with finite differences using either the native or one of the vendor finite differencing routines.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- no_gradients
- analytic_gradients
- mixed_gradients

method_source

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- method_source

Specify which finite difference routine is used

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: dakota

Description

The method_source setting specifies the source of the finite differencing routine that will be used to compute the numerical gradients:

- dakota (default)
- vendor

dakota denotes Dakota's internal finite differencing algorithm and vendor denotes the finite differencing algorithm supplied by the iterator package in use (DOT, CONMIN, NPSOL, NL2SOL, NLSSOL, and OPT++ each have their own internal finite differencing routines). The dakota routine is the default since it can execute in parallel and exploit the concurrency in finite difference evaluations (see Exploiting Parallelism in the Users Manual [4]).

However, the vendor setting can be desirable in some cases since certain libraries will modify their algorithm when the finite differencing is performed internally. Since the selection of the dakota routine hides the use of finite differencing from the optimizers (the optimizers are configured to accept user-supplied gradients, which some algorithms assume to be of analytic accuracy), the potential exists for the vendor setting to trigger the use of an algorithm more optimized for the higher expense and/or lower accuracy of finite-differencing. For example, NPSOL uses gradients in its line search when in user-supplied gradient mode (since it assumes they are inexpensive), but uses a value-based line search procedure when internally finite differencing. The use of a value-based line search will often reduce total expense in serial operations. However, in parallel operations, the use of gradients in the NPSOL line search (user-supplied gradient mode) provides excellent load balancing without need to resort to speculative optimization approaches.

In summary, then, the dakota routine is preferred for parallel optimization, and the vendor routine may be preferred for serial optimization in special cases.

dakota

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- dakota

(Default) Use internal Dakota finite differences algorithm

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: relative

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		ignore_bounds	Do not respect bounds when computing gradients or Hessians
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	relative	Scale step size by the parameter value
			absolute	Do not scale step-size
			bounds	Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Description

The `dakota` routine is the default since it can execute in parallel and exploit the concurrency in finite difference evaluations (see Exploiting Parallelism in the Users Manual [4]).

When the `method_source` is `dakota`, the user may also specify the type of scaling desired when determining the finite difference step size. The choices are `absolute`, `bounds`, and `relative`. For `absolute`, the step size will be applied as is. For `bounds`, it will be scaled by the range of each parameter. For `relative`, it will be scaled by the parameter value.

ignore_bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- dakota
- ignore_bounds

Do not respect bounds when computing gradients or Hessians

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: bounds respected

Description

When Dakota computes gradients or Hessians by finite differences and the variables in question have bounds, it by default chooses finite-differencing steps that keep the variables within their specified bounds. Older versions of Dakota generally ignored bounds when computing finite differences. To restore the older behavior, one can add keyword `ignore_bounds` to the `response` specification when `method_source dakota` (or just `dakota`) is also specified.

In forward difference or backward difference computations, honoring bounds is straightforward.

To honor bounds when approximating $\partial f/\partial x_i$, i.e., component i of the gradient of f, by central differences, Dakota chooses two steps h_1 and h_2 with $h_1 \neq h_2$, such that $x + h_1 e_i$ and $x + h_2 e_i$ both satisfy the bounds, and then computes

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i} \cong \frac{h_2^2(f_1 - f_0) - h_1^2(f_2 - f_0)}{h_1 h_2 (h_2 - h_1)},$$

with $f_0 = f(x)$, $f_1 = f(x + h_1 e_i)$, and $f_2 = f(x + h_2 e_i)$.

relative

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- dakota
- relative

Scale step size by the parameter value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step size by the parameter value

absolute

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- dakota
- absolute

Do not scale step-size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: relative

Description

Do not scale step-size

bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- dakota
- bounds

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

vendor

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- vendor

Use non-Dakota fd algorithm

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

interval_type

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- interval_type

Specify how to compute gradients and hessians

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

The `interval_type` setting is used to select between `forward` and `central` differences in the numerical gradient calculations. The `dakota`, DOT `vendor`, and OPT++ `vendor` routines have both forward and central differences available, the CONMIN and NL2SOL `vendor` routines support forward differences only, and the NPSOL and NLSSOL `vendor` routines start with forward differences and automatically switch to central differences as the iteration progresses (the user has no control over this). The following forward difference expression

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) - f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

and the following central difference expression

$$\nabla f(\mathbf{x}) \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) - f(\mathbf{x} - h\mathbf{e}_i)}{2h}$$

are used to estimate the i^{th} component of the gradient vector.

forward

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- forward

Use forward differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

central

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- central

Use central differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

fd_step_size

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_gradients
- fd_step_size

Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Specification

Alias: fd_gradient_step_size
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0.001

Description

`fd_gradient_step_size` specifies the relative finite difference step size to be used in the computations. Either a single value may be entered for use with all parameters, or a list of step sizes may be entered, one for each parameter.

The latter option of a list of step sizes is only valid for use with the Dakota finite differencing routine. For Dakota with an interval scaling type of `absolute`, the differencing interval will be `fd_gradient_step_size`.

For Dakota with and interval scaling type of `bounds`, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying `fd_gradient_step_size` with the range of the parameter. For Dakota (with an interval scaling type of `relative`), DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying the `fd_gradient_step_size` with the current parameter value. In this case, a minimum absolute differencing interval is needed when the current parameter value is close to zero. This prevents finite difference intervals for the parameter which are too small to distinguish differences in the response quantities being computed. Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ all use `.01*fd_gradient_step_size` as their minimum absolute differencing interval. With a `fd_gradient_step_size = .001`, for example, Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ will use intervals of .001∗current value with a minimum interval of 1.e-5. NPSOL and NLSSOL use a different formula for their finite difference intervals: `fd_gradient_step_size*(1+|current parameter value|)`. This definition has the advantage of eliminating the need for a minimum absolute differencing interval since the interval no longer goes to zero as the current parameter value goes to zero.

6.6.10 no_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- no_hessians

Hessians will not be used

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `no_hessians` specification means that the method does not require Dakota to manage the computation of any Hessian information. Therefore, it will neither be retrieved from the simulation nor computed by Dakota. The `no_hessians` keyword is a complete specification for this case. Note that, in some cases, Hessian information may still be being approximated internal to an algorithm (e.g., within a quasi-Newton optimizer such as `optpp_q_newton`); however, Dakota has no direct involvement in this process and the responses specification need not include it.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- numerical_hessians
- quasi_hessians
- analytic_hessians
- mixed_hessians

6.6.11 numerical_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians

Hessians are needed and will be approximated by finite differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		fd_step_size	Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	relative	Scale step size by the parameter value
			absolute	Do not scale step-size
			bounds	Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**difference interval (Group 2)**	forward	Use forward differences
			central	Use central differences

Description

The `numerical_hessians` specification means that Hessian information is needed and will be computed with finite differences using either first-order gradient differencing (for the cases of `analytic_gradients` or for the functions identified by `id_analytic_gradients` in the case of `mixed_gradients`) or first- or second-order function value differencing (all other gradient specifications). In the former case, the following expression

$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})_i \cong \frac{\nabla f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i) - \nabla f(\mathbf{x})}{h}$$

estimates the i^{th} Hessian column, and in the latter case, the following expressions

$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})_{i,j} \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h_i\mathbf{e}_i + h_j\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + h_i\mathbf{e}_i) - f(\mathbf{x} - h_j\mathbf{e}_j) + f(\mathbf{x})}{h_i h_j}$$

and

$$\nabla^2 f(\mathbf{x})_{i,j} \cong \frac{f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i + h\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} + h\mathbf{e}_i - h\mathbf{e}_j) - f(\mathbf{x} - h\mathbf{e}_i + h\mathbf{e}_j) + f(\mathbf{x} - h\mathbf{e}_i - h\mathbf{e}_j)}{4h^2}$$

provide first- and second-order estimates of the ij^{th} Hessian term. Prior to Dakota 5.0, Dakota always used second-order estimates. In Dakota 5.0 and newer, the default is to use first-order estimates (which honor bounds on the variables and require only about a quarter as many function evaluations as do the second-order estimates), but specifying `central` after `numerical_hessians` causes Dakota to use the old second-order estimates, which do not honor bounds. In optimization algorithms that use Hessians, there is little reason to use second-order differences in computing Hessian approximations.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- no_hessians
- quasi_hessians

- analytic_hessians
- mixed_hessians

fd_step_size

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- fd_step_size

Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Specification

Alias: fd_hessian_step_size
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0.001 (forward), 0.002 (central)

Description

`fd_gradient_step_size` specifies the relative finite difference step size to be used in the computations. Either a single value may be entered for use with all parameters, or a list of step sizes may be entered, one for each parameter.

The latter option of a list of step sizes is only valid for use with the Dakota finite differencing routine. For Dakota with an interval scaling type of `absolute`, the differencing interval will be `fd_gradient_step_size`.

For Dakota with and interval scaling type of `bounds`, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying `fd_gradient_step_size` with the range of the parameter. For Dakota (with an interval scaling type of `relative`), DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying the `fd_gradient_step_size` with the current parameter value. In this case, a minimum absolute differencing interval is needed when the current parameter value is close to zero. This prevents finite difference intervals for the parameter which are too small to distinguish differences in the response quantities being computed. Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ all use `.01*fd_gradient_step_size` as their minimum absolute differencing interval. With a `fd_gradient_step_size = .001`, for example, Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ will use intervals of .001∗current value with a minimum interval of 1.e-5. NPSOL and NLSSOL use a different formula for their finite difference intervals: `fd_gradient_step_size*(1+|current parameter value|)`. This definition has the advantage of eliminating the need for a minimum absolute differencing interval since the interval no longer goes to zero as the current parameter value goes to zero.

relative

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- relative

Scale step size by the parameter value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step size by the parameter value

absolute

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- absolute

Do not scale step-size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: relative

Description

Do not scale step-size

bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- bounds

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

forward

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- forward

Use forward differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

central

- Keywords Area
- responses
- numerical_hessians
- central

Use central differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

6.6.12 quasi_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- quasi_hessians

Hessians are needed and will be approximated by secant updates (BFGS or SR1) from a series of gradient evaluations

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Required*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	bfgs	Use BFGS method to compute quasi-hessians
			sr1	Use the Symmetric Rank 1 update method to compute quasi-Hessians

Description

The `quasi_hessians` specification means that Hessian information is needed and will be approximated using secant updates (sometimes called "quasi-Newton updates", though any algorithm that approximates Newton's method is a quasi-Newton method).

Compared to finite difference numerical Hessians, secant approximations do not expend additional function evaluations in estimating all of the second-order information for every point of interest. Rather, they accumulate approximate curvature information over time using the existing gradient evaluations.

The supported secant approximations include the Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) update (specified with the keyword `bfgs`) and the Symmetric Rank 1 (SR1) update (specified with the keyword `sr1`).

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- no_hessians
- numerical_hessians
- analytic_hessians
- mixed_hessians

bfgs

- Keywords Area
- responses
- quasi_hessians
- bfgs

Use BFGS method to compute quasi-hessians

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		damped	Numerical safeguarding for BFGS updates

Description

Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) update will be used to compute quasi-Hessians.

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k}$$

where B_k is the k^{th} approximation to the Hessian, $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ is the step and $y_k = \nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k$ is the corresponding yield in the gradients.

Notes

- Initial scaling of $\frac{y_k^T y_k}{y_k^T s_k} I$ is used for B_0 prior to the first update.
- Numerical safeguarding is used to protect against numerically small denominators within the updates.
- This safeguarding skips the update if $|y_k^T s_k| < 10^{-6} s_k^T B_k s_k$
- Additional safeguarding can be added using the `damped` option, which utilizes an alternative damped BFGS update when the curvature condition $y_k^T s_k > 0$ is nearly violated.

damped

- Keywords Area
- responses
- quasi_hessians
- bfgs
- damped

Numerical safeguarding for BFGS updates

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

Default: undamped BFGS

Description

See parent page.

sr1

- Keywords Area
- responses
- quasi_hessians
- sr1

Use the Symmetric Rank 1 update method to compute quasi-Hessians

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The Symmetric Rank 1 (SR1) update (specified with the keyword `sr1`) will be used to compute quasi-Hessians.

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{(y_k - B_k s_k)(y_k - B_k s_k)^T}{(y_k - B_k s_k)^T s_k}$$

where B_k is the k^{th} approximation to the Hessian, $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ is the step and $y_k = \nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k$ is the corresponding yield in the gradients.

Notes

- Initial scaling of $\frac{y_k^T y_k}{y_k^T s_k} I$ is used for B_0 prior to the first update.
- Numerical safeguarding is used to protect against numerically small denominators within the updates.
- This safeguarding skips the update if $|(y_k - B_k s_k)^T s_k| < 10^{-6} ||s_k||_2 ||y_k - B_k s_k||_2$

6.6.13 analytic_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- analytic_hessians

Hessians are needed and are available directly from the analysis driver

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The `analytic_hessians` specification means that Hessian information is available directly from the simulation. The simulation must return the Hessian data in the Dakota format (enclosed in double brackets; see Dakota File Data Formats in Users Manual [4]) for the case of file transfer of data. The `analytic_hessians` keyword is a complete specification for this case.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- no_hessians
- numerical_hessians
- quasi_hessians
- mixed_hessians

6.6.14 mixed_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians

Hessians are needed and will be obtained from a mix of numerical, analytic, and ”quasi” sources

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	**Description of Group**	**Dakota Keyword**	**Dakota Keyword Description**
	Optional		id_numerical_-hessians	Identify which numerical-Hessian corresponds to which response
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**Group 1**	relative	Scale step size by the parameter value
			absolute	Do not scale step-size
			bounds	Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter
	Optional*(Choose One)*	**difference interval (Group 2)**	forward	Use forward differences
			central	Use central differences
	Optional		id_quasi_hessians	Identify which quasi-Hessian corresponds to which response

	Optional	id_analytic_-hessians	Identify which analytical Hessian corresponds to which response

Description

Hessian availability must be specified with either `no_hessians`, `numerical_hessians`, `quasi_hessians`, `analytic_hessians`, or `mixed_hessians`.

The `mixed_hessians` specification means that some Hessian information is available directly from the simulation (analytic) whereas the rest will have to be estimated by finite differences (numerical) or approximated by secant updating. As for mixed gradients, this specification allows the user to make use of as much analytic information as is available and then estimate/approximate the rest.

The `id_analytic_hessians` list specifies by number the functions which have analytic Hessians, and the `id_numerical_hessians` and `id_quasi_hessians` lists specify by number the functions which must use numerical Hessians and secant Hessian updates, respectively. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the `id_analytic_hessians`, `id_numerical_hessians`, and `id_quasi_hessians` lists.

The `fd_hessian_step_size` and `bfgs`, `damped bfgs`, or `sr1` secant update selections are as described previously in responses and pertain to those functions listed by the `id_numerical_hessians` and `id_quasi_hessians` lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- no_hessians
- numerical_hessians
- quasi_hessians
- analytic_hessians

id_numerical_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_numerical_hessians

Identify which numerical-Hessian corresponds to which response

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- objective_function_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		fd_step_size	Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Description

The id_analytic_hessians list specifies by number the functions which have analytic Hessians, and the id_numerical_hessians and id_quasi_hessians lists specify by number the functions which must use numerical Hessians and secant Hessian updates, respectively. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the id_analytic_hessians, id_numerical_hessians, and id_quasi_hessians lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_analytic_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians

fd_step_size

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_numerical_hessians
- fd_step_size

Step size used when computing gradients and Hessians

Specification

Alias: fd_hessian_step_size
Argument(s): REALLIST
Default: 0.001 (forward), 0.002 (central)

Description

fd_gradient_step_size specifies the relative finite difference step size to be used in the computations. Either a single value may be entered for use with all parameters, or a list of step sizes may be entered, one for each parameter.

The latter option of a list of step sizes is only valid for use with the Dakota finite differencing routine. For Dakota with an interval scaling type of absolute, the differencing interval will be fd_gradient_step_size.

For Dakota with and interval scaling type of bounds, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying fd_gradient_step_size with the range of the parameter. For Dakota (with an interval scaling type of

relative), DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++, the differencing intervals are computed by multiplying the fd_gradient_step_size with the current parameter value. In this case, a minimum absolute differencing interval is needed when the current parameter value is close to zero. This prevents finite difference intervals for the parameter which are too small to distinguish differences in the response quantities being computed. Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ all use .01*fd_gradient_step_size as their minimum absolute differencing interval. With a fd_gradient_step_size = .001, for example, Dakota, DOT, CONMIN, and OPT++ will use intervals of .001*current value with a minimum interval of 1.e-5. NPSOL and NLSSOL use a different formula for their finite difference intervals: fd_gradient_step_size*(1+|current parameter value|). This definition has the advantage of eliminating the need for a minimum absolute differencing interval since the interval no longer goes to zero as the current parameter value goes to zero.

relative

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- relative

Scale step size by the parameter value

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step size by the parameter value

absolute

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- absolute

Do not scale step-size

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: relative

Description

Do not scale step-size

bounds

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- bounds

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

Scale step-size by the domain of the parameter

forward

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- forward

Use forward differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: forward

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

central

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- central

Use central differences

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

See parent page for usage notes.

id_quasi_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians

Identify which quasi-Hessian corresponds to which response

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- objective_function_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

	Required/-Optional **Required***(Choose One)*	**Description of Group** **Group 1**	**Dakota Keyword** bfgs	**Dakota Keyword Description** Use BFGS method to compute quasi-hessians
			sr1	Use the Symmetric Rank 1 update method to compute quasi-Hessians

Description

The `id_analytic_hessians` list specifies by number the functions which have analytic Hessians, and the `id_numerical_hessians` and `id_quasi_hessians` lists specify by number the functions which must use numerical Hessians and secant Hessian updates, respectively. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the `id_analytic_hessians`, `id_numerical_hessians`, and `id_quasi_hessians` lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_numerical_hessians
- id_analytic_hessians

bfgs

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians
- bfgs

Use BFGS method to compute quasi-hessians

Specification

Alias: none

Argument(s): none

	Required/-Optional	Description of Group	Dakota Keyword	Dakota Keyword Description
	Optional		damped	Numerical safeguarding for BFGS updates

Description

Broyden-Fletcher-Goldfarb-Shanno (BFGS) update will be used to compute quasi-Hessians.

$$B_{k+1} = B_k - \frac{B_k s_k s_k^T B_k}{s_k^T B_k s_k} + \frac{y_k y_k^T}{y_k^T s_k}$$

where B_k is the k^{th} approximation to the Hessian, $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ is the step and $y_k = \nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k$ is the corresponding yield in the gradients.

Notes

- Initial scaling of $\frac{y_k^T y_k}{y_k^T s_k} I$ is used for B_0 prior to the first update.
- Numerical safeguarding is used to protect against numerically small denominators within the updates.
- This safeguarding skips the update if $|y_k^T s_k| < 10^{-6} s_k^T B_k s_k$
- Additional safeguarding can be added using the `damped` option, which utilizes an alternative damped BFGS update when the curvature condition $y_k^T s_k > 0$ is nearly violated.

damped

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians
- bfgs
- damped

Numerical safeguarding for BFGS updates

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none
Default: undamped BFGS

Description

See parent page.

sr1

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians
- sr1

Use the Symmetric Rank 1 update method to compute quasi-Hessians

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): none

Description

The Symmetric Rank 1 (SR1) update (specified with the keyword `sr1`) will be used to compute quasi-Hessians.

$$B_{k+1} = B_k + \frac{(y_k - B_k s_k)(y_k - B_k s_k)^T}{(y_k - B_k s_k)^T s_k}$$

where B_k is the k^{th} approximation to the Hessian, $s_k = x_{k+1} - x_k$ is the step and $y_k = \nabla f_{k+1} - \nabla f_k$ is the corresponding yield in the gradients.

Notes

- Initial scaling of $\frac{y_k^T y_k}{y_k^T s_k} I$ is used for B_0 prior to the first update.
- Numerical safeguarding is used to protect against numerically small denominators within the updates.
- This safeguarding skips the update if $|(y_k - B_k s_k)^T s_k| < 10^{-6} ||s_k||_2 ||y_k - B_k s_k||_2$

id_analytic_hessians

- Keywords Area
- responses
- mixed_hessians
- id_analytic_hessians

Identify which analytical Hessian corresponds to which response

Topics

This keyword is related to the topics:

- objective_function_pointer

Specification

Alias: none
Argument(s): INTEGERLIST

Description

The `id_analytic_hessians` list specifies by number the functions which have analytic Hessians, and the `id_numerical_hessians` and `id_quasi_hessians` lists specify by number the functions which must use numerical Hessians and secant Hessian updates, respectively. Each function identifier, from 1 through the total number of functions, must appear once and only once within the union of the `id_analytic_hessians`, `id_numerical_hessians`, and `id_quasi_hessians` lists.

See Also

These keywords may also be of interest:

- id_numerical_hessians
- id_quasi_hessians

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